

Engendering the New Zealand Parliament: what will it take?

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What is the problem?

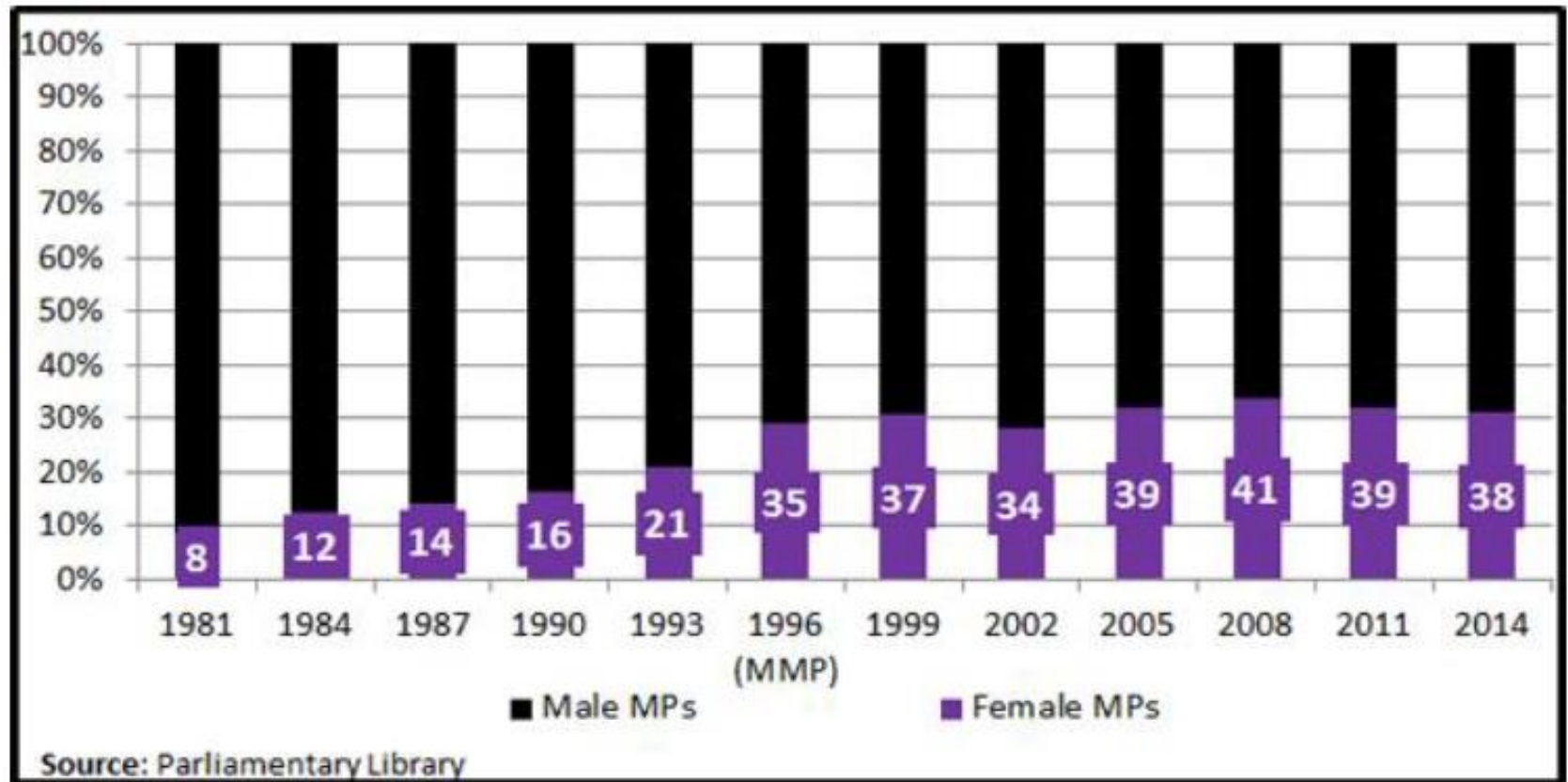


All male panel on the Economic Cost of Domestic Violence in the NCW's Annual Women's Debate, July 2015.

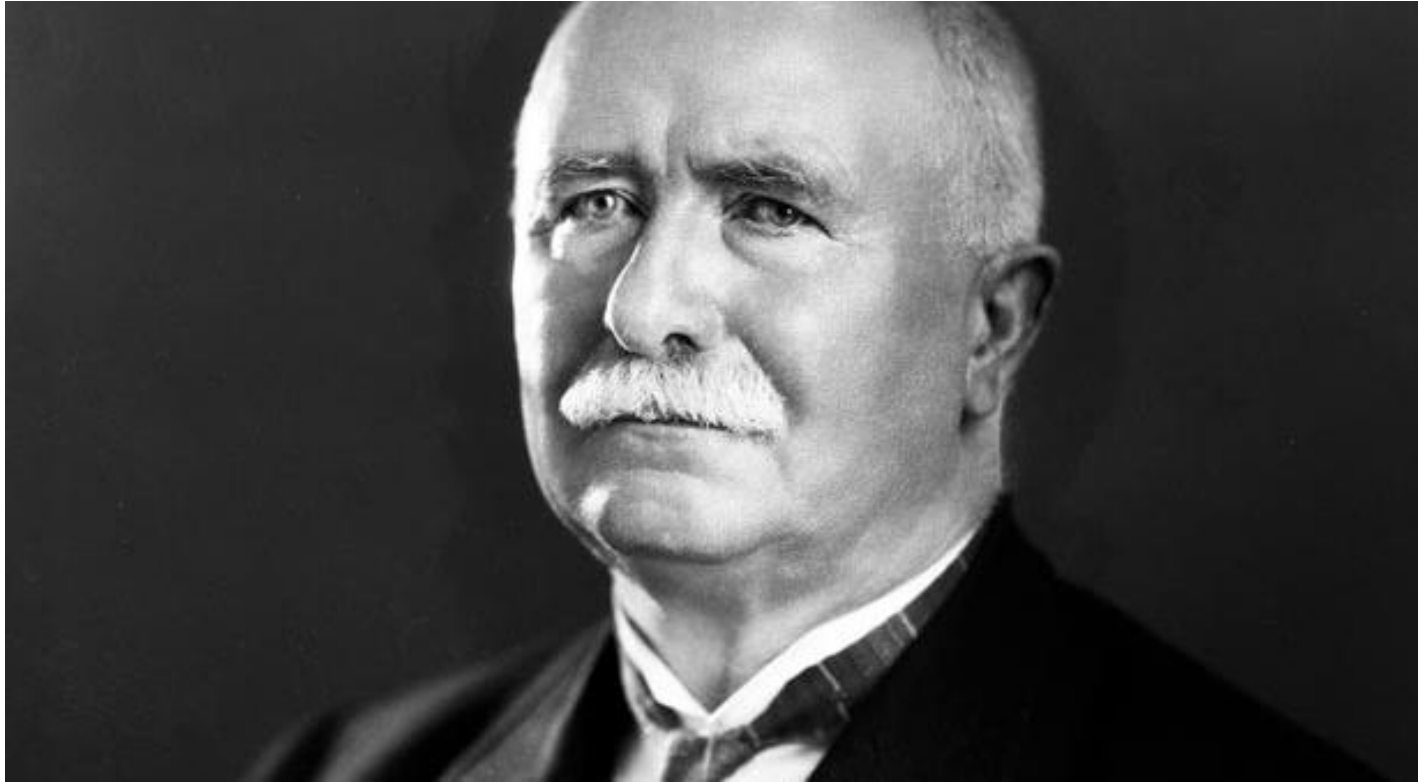
(Panel; Greens co-leader James Shaw, Alastair Scott from National, Kelvin Davis of Labour, and New Zealand First leader Winston Peters.)

Lack of Presence

Figure 4: Number and Share (%) of Women in Parliament 1981-2014



The real problem



NZ politician, William Massey, 1856–10 May 1925, Prime Minister: 1912–1925

Gendered Institutionalism – “Gendered Parliaments”



Women MPs in the Rwandan
Parliament, 2012

- Presence
- Power
- Representation
- Culture
- Parliamentary Practice

Ways to Engender the NZ Parliament

1. Move from geographic political representation to all List MPs
2. Introduce gender quotas for recruitment, retention and representation
3. Establish a Women's Select Committee through which significant legislation must pass
4. Engender parliamentary practice, eg. job sharing, normalising the sitting calendar