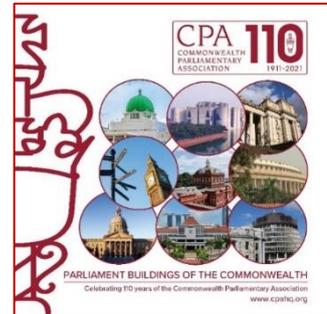


CPA Press Release

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Isle of Man's Parliament building features in new book marking the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's 110th anniversary

To mark the conclusion of the 110th anniversary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association this year, the CPA has published a **special anniversary book showcasing over 180 Parliament buildings around the Commonwealth** and giving an insight into their varied histories. The historic Parliament building of the Isle of Man is featured in this new book.



The book features a special message from the **CPA's Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**, Head of the Commonwealth, who congratulated the Association on its anniversary year. The Queen has visited almost every Parliament building in the Commonwealth during her long reign.

The CPA was founded on 18 July 1911 as the Empire Parliamentary Association by Members of Parliament from the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Newfoundland and South Africa. 110 years later, the membership of the CPA, which succeeded the Empire Parliamentary Association in October 1948, has grown to more than 180 Parliaments and Legislatures across the 54 countries of the 'modern' Commonwealth. Physically, in their composition and in the way they operate, the Parliaments of today are virtually unrecognisable from the Parliaments of 1911.

This commemorative book features **more than 180 Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures at national, state, provincial and territorial level** amongst the CPA's membership and includes information about each Parliament, as well as **over 350 photographs of their buildings and chambers**.

The CPA Secretary-General, Stephen Twigg said: *"Over the decades, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association has experienced a transformation in our membership to a more diverse composition which better reflects the people that we aim to represent. During this time, the Parliament buildings of the Commonwealth have adapted to meet the requirements of the modern world, while, at the same time, maintaining heritage buildings and Parliamentary Chambers. This special 110th anniversary book showcases their remarkable histories."*

All of the 180 Parliaments and Legislatures in the CPA's membership will be sent a copy of the book for their Parliamentary libraries. Copies will also be available to purchase from the CPA Headquarters Secretariat.

Parliament Buildings of the Commonwealth | Published by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, 2021 | ISBN: 978-1-3999-0968-6 | Price: £25 plus postage (plus £5 UK/£15 international postage)

To view a sample copy of the book please [click here](#).

The book is available to pre-order for delivery in January 2022 – please email hq.sec@cpahq.org for details.

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The **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)**, now in its 110th year, exists to develop, promote and support Parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to identify benchmarks of good governance and to implement the enduring values of the Commonwealth. The CPA is an international community of around 180 Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures working together to deepen the Commonwealth's commitment to the highest standards of democratic governance. Visit www.cpahq.org for further information. Join the conversation online: Twitter [@CPA_Secretariat](https://twitter.com/CPA_Secretariat) | Facebook.com/CPAHQ.