I think there should be a proper representation of all the population in the Commons. Of our 650 MPs, 458 (70%) are men and only 192 are women. There are still more men in the Commons than there have ever been women MPs.

Women make a massive contribution to society with their paid and unpaid work. Lots of research shows women disadvantaged in pay, in amount/proportion of family care they do, of how we are treated in everyday life.

“We know that when women are in parliament…it builds more resilient, responsive, better informed institutions.” Prof Ngaire Woods.

Diversity leads to better decisions. Representation shapes policy Parliament should draw upon the widest possible pool of talent and experience, including the 32 million (YES 32 MILLION) UK women.

As a society we are making small steps towards diversity. That we still have a male dominated Commons is at best anachronistic and at worst, a deliberate monopoly.

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