

Judge courts a crowd

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A REVEALING portrait of Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge has attracted more than just a little attention from her colleagues after being hung in Parliament House.

The eye-catching picture, which shows her leaning on a piano and wearing a low-cut dress adorned with jewellery, is part of a collection of portraits of MPs for sale.

The painting, priced at \$4000, had MPs lining up to view it yesterday after Question Time.

Other politicians to sit for the exhibition include Malcolm Turnbull, Barry O'Farrell, Joe Hockey, Chris Hartcher and Verity Firth.

"I have always been proud to support local and emerging artists in the creative industries and it was an honour to be painted by Kathrin Longhurst," Ms Judge said.

Ms Longhurst said on her website her painting of Ms Judge — which she called *Justice With Passion* — is "bound to raise some eyebrows".



Eye-catching: Ms Judge's portrait