

Ministerial Representation & Senate Office Holders in the Senate

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Ministerial Representation

Ministers	Representing
Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz <i>Minister for Employment</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service</i> <i>(Leader of the Government in the Senate)</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Agriculture Assistant Minister for Employment
Senator the Hon. George Brandis QC <i>Attorney-General</i> <i>Minister for the Arts</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i> <i>(Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)</i>	Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Defence Minister for Justice Assistant Minister for Defence
Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion <i>Minister for Indigenous Affairs</i>	
Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann <i>Minister for Finance</i>	Treasurer Minister for Small Business Assistant Treasurer
Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield <i>Assistant Minister for Social Services</i> <i>(Manager of Government Business in the Senate)</i>	Minister for Social Services Minister for Communications
Senator the Hon. Fiona Nash <i>Assistant Minister for Health</i>	Minister for Health Minister for Sport
Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson <i>Minister for Veterans' Affairs</i> <i>Special Minister of State</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC</i>	Minister for Industry and Science
Senator the Hon. Marise Payne <i>Minister for Human Services</i>	Minister for Trade and Investment
Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash <i>Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women</i>	Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister for Immigration and Border Protection Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
Senator the Hon. Simon Birmingham <i>Assistant Minister for Education and Training</i>	Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Environment

Parliamentary Secretaries

Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture</i>
Senator the Hon. Concetta Fierravanti-Wells <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services</i>
Senator the Hon. Scott Ryan <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training</i>

Senate Office Holders

<i>President:</i> Senator the Hon. Stephen Parry
<i>Deputy President and Chair of Committees:</i> Senator Gavin Marshall
<i>Temporary Chairs of Committees:</i> Senators Back, Bernardi, Dastyari, Edwards, Gallacher, Lines, O'Neill, Peris, Seselja, Smith, Sterle, Whish-Wilson and Williams
<i>Leader of the Government in the Senate:</i> Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz
<i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate:</i> Senator the Hon. George Brandis QC
<i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate:</i> Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield
<i>Leader of the Opposition in the Senate:</i> Senator the Hon. Penelope Wong (Penny)
<i>Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate:</i> Senator the Hon. Stephen Conroy
<i>Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate:</i> Senator Claire Moore

Senate Party Leaders

<i>Leader of the Liberal Party:</i> Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz
<i>Leader of the Australian Labor Party:</i> Senator the Hon. Penelope Wong (Penny)
<i>Leader of The Nationals:</i> Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion
<i>Leader of the Australian Greens:</i> Senator Christine Milne
<i>Leader of the Palmer United Party:</i> Senator Glenn Lazarus

Whips

<i>Chief Government:</i> Senator David Bushby
<i>Deputy Government:</i> Senators Anne Ruston and David Fawcett
<i>Chief Opposition:</i> Senator Anne McEwen
<i>Deputy Opposition:</i> Senators Catryna Bilyk and Anne Urquhart
<i>The Nationals:</i> Senator Barry O'Sullivan
<i>Australian Greens:</i> Senator Rachel Siewert
<i>Palmer United Party:</i> Senator Zhenya Wang

Officers of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate	Dr Rosemary Laing
Deputy Clerk of the Senate	Mr Richard Pye
Clerk Assistant (Committees)	Mr Brien Hallett
Clerk Assistant (Procedure)	Ms Maureen Weeks
Clerk Assistant (Table)	Mr Chris Reid
Usher of the Black Rod	Ms Rachel Callinan

Senators in the Chamber

If the Senators of your State or Territory are not present in the Chamber while the Senate is sitting, it is likely that they are listening to the debate in their offices or attending to their parliamentary work elsewhere in the building.

Duty rosters are drawn up for seats occupied by the President, Chairman of Committees, Ministers, Shadow Ministers and Whips, so that at all times when the Senate is sitting there are Senators 'on duty' in these positions to ensure that the business of the Senate proceeds.

State and Party Representation in the Senate

State or Territory	AMEP	AG	ALP	FF	IND	LDP	LP	NATS/CLP	PUP	TOTAL
ACT	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
NSW	..	1	4	..	..	1	4	2	..	12
NT	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Qld	..	1	4	..	..	..	4	2	1	12
SA	..	2	3	1	1	..	5	..	..	12
Tas	..	2	5	..	1	..	4	..	..	12
Vic	1	2	4	..	1	..	3	1	..	12
WA	..	2	3	..	..	..	6	..	1	12
	1	10	25	1	3	1	27	6	2	76