

ACT Labor Representatives

January 2015

On 15 January 2015 Meegan Fitzharris was elected to fill the casual vacancy in the ACT Legislative Assembly electorate of Molonglo. The vacancy followed the resignation of Ms Katy Gallagher from the Legislative Assembly on 23 December 2014.

Background

On 30 November 2014 Senator the Hon Kate Lundy announced her intention to resign from the Federal Parliament. Senator Lundy will resign her seat on 31 March 2015. Her replacement will commence his/her term on 1 April 2015.

On 5 December 2014, ACT Chief Minister the Hon Katy Gallagher MLA announced her resignation as Chief Minister of the ACT with effect from 10 December 2014 and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly from 22 December 2014.

Ms Gallagher intends to fill the casual vacancy in the Federal Parliament to be created by the resignation of ACT Senator the Hon Kate Lundy. Ms Gallagher was declared as the Labor party's nomination on 18 December 2014.

On 11 December 2014 the Hon Andrew Barr MLA was appointed Chief Minister of the ACT.

On 15 January 2015 Meegan Fitzharris was elected in a countback to fill the casual vacancy in the ACT Legislative Assembly that arose from Ms Gallagher's resignation.

At the time of her election, Ms Fitzharris served as Chief of Staff to Chief Minister Barr. Ms Fitzharris has previously worked for New South Wales Police, the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

Chief Minister Barr has announced a reshuffle of the ACT cabinet will occur in the coming months.

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the process for the countback for the new Member for Molongolo, the new Chief Minister and new ACT Senator is available here.