

Federal Election Results

24 September 2013

On 7 September 2013 the Liberal-National Coalition was elected to form government, having achieved a majority of seats in the House of Representatives. As a result the former Opposition Leader, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, became Australia's 28th Prime Minister. The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the First Abbott Ministry is available [here](#).

The Australian Federal Parliamentary Labor Party is currently holding an election for its leader, with the Shadow Ministry to be announced shortly thereafter. The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the election of a new Federal Labor Leader is available [here](#). The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the changes made on 22 July 2013 to the way leaders of the Australian Parliamentary Labor Party are elected is available [here](#).

This paper is intended as an update on the outcome of the Federal election of 7 September 2013. It should be noted that the outcome of each House of Representatives and Senate election is not declared until the result is beyond doubt.

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I. House of Representatives election results

The House of Representatives has 150 seats.

As at 12 noon on 24 September, the Australian Electoral Commission is (AEC) is predicting that the Coalition will secure 90 seats with a current two-party count of 53.40 per cent. This represents a 17-seat gain on the 2010 result of 73 seats.

The Australian Labor Party will retain 55 seats, which represents a 17-seat loss on the 2010 result.

One seat (Melbourne) will continue to be held by the Australian Greens; one seat (Kennedy) will continue to be held by Katter's Australian Party; and one seat (Denison) will continue to be held by Independent Andrew Wilkie.

One seat (Fairfax) will be gained by Palmer's United Party* and 1 seat (Indi) will be gained by Independent Cathy McGowan.

Clicking the name of each electorate below will link to the AEC results.

Changing seats formerly held by Labor

Division	State	Now held by	TCP %	Margin	Swing %
Bass	TAS	Andrew Nikolic (LIB)	54.11	5,366	10.85
La Trobe	VIC	Jason Wood (LIB)	54.05	7,205	5.71
Corangamite	VIC	Sarah Henderson (LIB)	53.86	7,172	4.14
Deakin	VIC	Michael Sukkar (LIB)	53.26	5,760	3.86
Robertson	NSW	Lucy Wicks (LIB)	53.01	5,371	4.01
Lindsay	NSW	Fiona Scott (LIB)	52.88	5,029	4.00
Braddon	TAS	Eric Hutchinson (LIB)	52.58	3,398	10.06
Page	NSW	Kevin Hogan (NAT)	52.54	4,367	6.73
Hindmarsh	SA	Matt Williams (LIB)	51.88	3,541	7.96
Banks	NSW	David Coleman (LIB)	51.87	3,169	3.32
Lyons	TAS	Eric Hutchinson (LIB)	51.2	1,604	13.49
Reid	NSW	Craig Laundry (LIB)	50.87	1,492	3.55
Capricornia	QLD	Michelle Landry (LIB)	50.81	1,383	4.49
Dobell	NSW	Karen McNamara (LIB)	50.69	1,189	5.76
Eden-Monaro	NSW	Peter Hendy (LIB)	50.6	1,071	4.84
Petrie	QLD	Luke Howarth (LNP)	50.59	971	3.10
Barton	NSW	Nickolas Varvaris (LIB)	50.31	493	7.17

Other changing seats

Division	State	Formerly held by	Now held by	TCP %	Margin	Swing %
New England	NSW	Tony Windsor (IND) #	Barnaby Joyce	70.70	37,809	3.90
Lyne	NSW	Rob Oakeshott (IND)#	David Gillespie (NAT)	64.78	25,492	2.33
O'Connor	WA	Tony Crook (NAT) #	Rick Wilson (LIB)	50.86	1,415	4.42
Indi	VIC	Sophie Mirabella (LIB)	Cathy McGowan (IND)	50.23	417	50.23
Fairfax*	QLD	Alex Somlyay (LNP) #	Clive Palmer (PUP)	50.02	37	50.02

*As Independent Clive Palmer finished just 36 votes ahead of in the seat of Fairfax, an automatic recount will be triggered.

Member retired at the 2013 election

II. Senate Results

The count for Senate is continuing. As at 24 September, the AEC is predicting the following result:

Party	Continuing	New	Total
Liberal/National Party/CLP	16	17	33
Australian Labor Party	13	13	26
Australian Greens	6	3	9
Democratic Labour Party	1	0	1
Others	0	7	7

This could change as the count progresses. A Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the final results of the Senate election will be released when the results are finalised. The most up-to-date count will be available on the AEC website [here](#).

Senators representing the states are normally elected for fixed terms of six years, commencing on 1 July following the election, and ceasing on 30 June six years later. As such, the senators elected at the 2013 Federal election will not commence their terms until 1 July 2014.

The term of the four senators from the territories is not fixed, rather defined by the date of the general House of Representatives election. Senators representing the territories commence their terms on the day that they are elected and their terms expire the day prior to the next general election day.

For information on the date of the next Federal election, see the Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on forthcoming Australian elections available [here](#).

New Territory Senators

Two new senators were elected to represent the territories at the 2013 Federal election: Nova Peris (ALP) and Zed Seselja (LIB). These senators' terms commence immediately.

i. Sen. Nova Peris OAM

ALP Senator for the Northern Territory

Sen. Peris is a traditional owner/descendent of and identifies with the Kiga People of the East Kimberley, Yawuru People of the West Kimberley and Muran People of West Arnhem land NT. She was the first Indigenous Australian, and first Territorian, to win a Gold Medal at the Olympics. Sen. Peris has been a National Ambassador for Reconciliation Australia, International Ambassador for the World Health Organisation, and an International Indigenous Rights Ambassador.

ii. Sen. Zed Seselja

Liberal Senator for the Australian Capital Territory

Sen. Seselja was a member of the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly from 2004 to 2013, serving as Opposition Leader from December 2007 to January 2013. On 4 February 2013 he announced he would be challenging sitting Senator Gary Humphries. On 23 February 2013 he won his pre-selection battle, and becoming one of the two official Liberal Party Senate candidates for the ACT

New State Senators

Two new senators were appointed shortly before the 2013 Federal election. Their terms commence immediately.

i. Sen. Sam Dastyari

ALP Senator for New South Wales

Sen. Dastyari is the former General Secretary of the New South Wales branch of the Australian Labor Party. Sen. Dastyari was appointed at a joint sitting of the Parliament of New South Wales on 21 August 2013. Sen. Dastyari filled the Senate seat vacated by former Sen. Thistlethwaite, who had resigned on 9 August to contest the House of Representatives seat of Kingsford Smith at the 2013 Federal election. Sen. Dastyari's term expires in July 2017.

ii. Sen. Mehmet Tillem

ALP Senator for Victoria

Sen. Tillem was appointed to Sen. Feeney's former seat by a joint sitting of the Parliament of Victoria on 21 August 2013. He is the first Turkish-born member of the Australian parliament. As Sen. Feeney's term was to expire on 30 June 2014, Sen. Tillem was a Senate candidate in the 2013 federal election. The count for Senate is continuing. A Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the final results of the Senate election will be released when the results are finalised.

iii. Resignation of Sen. Barnaby Joyce

Former Sen. Joyce resigned his senate seat on 8 August 2013 to contest the House of Representatives seat of New England at the Federal election. The LNP's Barry O'Sullivan was pre-selected by the LNP to fill the seat, however the Queensland Premier Campbell Newman has suspended the appointment of Mr. O'Sullivan to fill the Senate vacancy pending a Crime and Misconduct Commission investigation. The sitting of the Queensland Parliament to fill the casual vacancy has been deferred until 15 October.

III. Legislative agenda of the 44th Parliament

Until 1 July 2014 the balance of power in the Senate remains with The Australian Greens. The Coalition holds 34 senate seats and the Australian Labor Party holds 31 senate seats. Without the support of the 9 Greens senators, neither party can command the 39 votes needed to pass legislation or to support motions.

The Senate composition until July 1 2014 can be found on the following page.

The incoming Coalition government has indicated the first legislative act will be to introduce legislation to repeal the carbon tax. Another priority for the incoming government is the repeal of the Minerals Rent Resource Tax. These reforms will need the support of either the Australian Labor Party or The Greens in order to pass through the Senate.

Prime Minister-elect Tony Abbott and former shadow ministers have made it clear that they are prepared to call a double dissolution election if the Senate rejects their legislation.

Senate composition until July 1 2014

	ALP (31)	Coalition (34)	Greens (9)	Other (2)
NSW	Sen. the Hon Doug Cameron Sen. the Hon Bob Carr Sen. Sam Dastyari** Sen. the Hon John Faulkner Sen. the Hon Ursula Stephens	Sen. Concetta Fierravanti-Wells Sen. the Hon Bill Heffernan Sen. Marise Payne Sen. Arthur Sinodinos AO Sen. Fiona Nash Sen. John Williams	Sen. Lee Rhiannon	
Vic	Sen. the Hon Kim Carr Sen. the Hon Jacinta Collins Sen. the Hon Stephen Conroy Sen. Gavin Marshall Sen. Mehmet Tillem**	Sen. Mitch Fifield Sen. Helen Kroger Sen. the Hon Michael Ronaldson Sen. Scott Ryan Sen. Bridget McKenzie	Sen. Richard Di Natale	Sen. John Madigan
QLD	Sen. Mark Furner Sen. the Hon John Hogg Sen. the Hon Joe Ludwig Sen. the Hon Jan McLucas Sen. Claire Moore	Sen. Sue Boyce Sen. the Hon George Brandis QC Sen. the Hon Ian Macdonald Sen. the Hon Brett Mason Sen. the Hon Ronald Boswell Sen. Barnaby Joyce#	Sen. Larissa Waters	
WA	Sen. Mark Bishop Sen. Sue Lines Sen. Glenn Sterle	Sen. Chris Back Sen. Michaelia Cash Sen. Mathias Cormann Sen. Alan Eggleston Sen. the Hon David Johnston Sen. Dean Smith	Sen. Scott Ludlam Sen. Rachel Siewert	
SA	Sen. the Hon Don Farrell Sen. Alex Gallacher Sen. Anne McEwen Sen. the Hon Penny Wong	Sen. Cory Bernardi Sen. Simon Birmingham Sen. Sean Edwards Sen. David Fawcett Sen. Anne Ruston	Sen. Sarah Hanson-Young	Sen. Nick Xenophon
Tas	Sen. Carol Brown Sen. Helen Polley Sen. the Hon Lisa Singh Sen. the Hon Lin Thorp Sen. Anne Urquhart Sen. Catryna Bilyk	Sen. the Hon Eric Abetz Sen. David Bushby Sen. the Hon Richard Colbeck Sen. Stephen Parry	Sen. Christine Milne Sen. Peter Whish-Wilson	
NT	Sen. Nova Peris OAM*	Sen. the Hon Nigel Scullion*		
ACT	Sen. the Hon Kate Lundy*	Sen. Zed Seselja*		

* Elected at the 2013 Federal election

** Replacing existing Senators

Retired ahead of the 2013 Federal election, has not yet been replaced