

# Senator Jacinta Collins

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*Manager of Government Business in the Senate*

*Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations*



## **Senator for VIC**

Jacinta Collins has represented Victoria in the Commonwealth Senate for over a decade. She was chosen for the Senate by the Victorian Parliament in 1995 and since then has been elected to the Senate in 1998 and re-elected in 2007.

Prior to entering parliament, Senator Collins held a number of positions in the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association. This included five years as the union's National Industrial Officer.

During her time in Parliament, Senator Collins has been a member of numerous Senate Committees. This has included being chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee, chair of the Economics References Committee, a member of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee and deputy chair of the Privileges Committee.

Senator Collins was also a member of the Senate Select Committee into "A Certain Maritime Incident" which reported in 2002.

Senator Collins was the Opposition spokesperson in the Senate on workplace relations for several years, firstly as Parliamentary Secretary representing the Shadow Ministers for Industrial Relations and Employment, Training and Population from October 1998 to November 2001.

From June 2003 to October 2004, Senator Collins was the Shadow Minister for Children and Youth. In this capacity, Senator Collins promoted a number of policies that have since been implemented by the Federal Labor Government.

Jacinta Collins is the Duty Senator for Dunkley, Goldstein and Higgins.

Jacinta is the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations. In the March 2012 reshuffle, she was given the additional duty of Manager of Government Business in the Senate, following the resignation of NSW Senator Mark Arbib who had previously held that role.