

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

OPENING OF THE PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2010

**PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE ON THE OPENING
OF THE FORTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT**

Pursuant to the proclamation summoning the Parliament to meet at Parliament House, Canberra, at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 28 September 2010, the Senate will assemble at that time in the Senate chamber.

The President will take the chair.

The Clerk of the Senate will read the proclamation calling the Parliament together.

The Deputy, appointed by Her Excellency the Governor-General to declare the Parliament open, will be announced by the Usher of the Black Rod and conducted to the chair.

On the arrival of the Deputy, the President will leave the chair and stand to the right.

The Deputy will take the chair and request senators to be seated, and will then direct Black Rod to let members of the House of Representatives know that he desires their attendance in the Senate chamber.

When the members of the House of Representatives are in attendance, the Deputy will produce and hand to the Clerk of the Senate an instrument of appointment by the Governor-General and will direct the Clerk to read the instrument.

After the Clerk has read the instrument, the Deputy will address the members of both Houses.

The Deputy will then retire.

The members of the House of Representatives will then retire.

The President will resume the chair.

The President will lay on the table certificates of election of senators, as follows:

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| <i>Australian Capital Territory</i> | <i>Northern Territory</i> |
| Kate Alexandra Lundy | Patricia Margaret Crossin |
| Gary John Joseph Humphries | Nigel Gregory Scullion |

Those senators will come to the table to make and subscribe an oath or affirmation of allegiance, as provided by the Constitution.

The President will then suspend the sitting till 3 pm.

After the Senate resumes, the approach of Her Excellency the Governor-General, to declare the cause of her calling the Parliament together, will be announced by Black Rod, who will conduct the Governor-General to the chair.

On the arrival of the Governor-General, the President will leave the chair and stand to the right.

The Governor-General will take the chair and request senators to be seated, and will then direct Black Rod to let the members of the House of Representatives know that she desires their attendance in the Senate chamber.

When the Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives are in attendance, the Governor-General will address members of both Houses.

(at the conclusion of the address a 19 gun salute will be fired from Federation Mall)

The President and the Speaker will then each receive a copy of the opening speech from the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

The Governor-General will then withdraw.

The President will resume the chair.

The Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives will then retire.

The Chief Justice and Justices of the High Court of Australia will then retire.

The sitting of the Senate will be suspended till the ringing of the bells.

At approximately 5 pm, the President will resume the chair.

The probable order of business will be—

Prayers

The President to report to the Senate the receipt of the speech of the Governor-General, and consideration of the speech to be made an order of the day for the next day of sitting

Ministerial statement announcing the new ministry

Announcements of party leaderships, shadow ministry and whips

Notices of motion

Presentation of documents

Condolence motion(s) for the deaths of Australian defence personnel in Afghanistan

Adjournment.

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate