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## Parliament: a quick guide to key internet links

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This Quick Guide provides direct links to key websites, information and documents relating to:

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### Australia's Vice Regal arrangements

- [Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia](#): Australia is a constitutional monarchy and Australia's Governor-General is appointed by the Queen as Her Majesty's representative with powers derived from the Australian Constitution; the Governor-General must assent to bills passed by the Australian Parliament before they can become law
- [State Governors of Australia and Administrators of the Northern and Island Territories](#): the Governor of each Australian state represent the Queen and undertakes constitutional, ceremonial and community functions; the Administrators of the Northern and Island Territories represent the Governor-General and are appointed to administer the territory of the Commonwealth on his or her behalf

### Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia

- [Current Ministry](#): Coalition Government led by Prime Minister the Hon. Tony Abbott MP
- [Current Shadow Ministry](#): Labor Opposition led by the Hon. Bill Shorten MP
- [Senators and Members](#): search for individual Senators and Members
- [Current Senators](#): search by commencement date, service expiry date, date and place of birth, gender, photograph and terms of service
- [Current Members](#): search by electorate, party, gender and surname

### *Proceedings*

- [Sitting calendar for 2014](#)

- [Watch Parliament](#): live broadcasting schedule of events in the Senate, House of Representatives and Federation Chamber
- [Hansard](#): search parliamentary debates by keyword, period, person, chamber/committee or context
- [ParlInfo](#): search parliamentary collections including chamber and procedural documents, key constitutional documents, Parliamentary Library collections and external media resources

### **Procedures**

- [Odgers' Australian Senate practice, thirteenth edition](#) | [Standing Orders and other Orders of the Senate and Annotations, 2009 edition](#)
- [House of Representatives practice, sixth edition](#) | [House of Representatives Standing and Sessional Orders](#)
- [Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet parliamentary information](#): information about the current parliament and advice and guidance about operations of Cabinet and the Federal Executive

### **Historical information**

- [Parliamentary handbook of the Commonwealth of Australia](#): historical information on the Commonwealth Parliament including [Prime Ministers of Australia since 1901](#) | [Chronology of Parliaments](#) | [Party representation in Parliament and elections since 1901](#)
- [Australia's Prime Ministers](#): a brief history of each Australian Prime Minister compiled by the National Archives of Australia (NAA)
- [Australian Prime Ministers Centre](#), Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD)'s online resources and links to Prime Ministerial records held in Australia
- [Federation timeline](#): prepared by the Parliamentary Education Office (PEO)
- [Australia's Parliament House—more than 25 years in the making!](#): chronology of key events relating to Australia's Parliament House and the Commonwealth Parliament
- [History of the Federal Capital and Parliament House](#): digitised material relating to the history of Canberra and the establishment of Parliament House including [Parliament House and parliamentary zone](#) | [Federal capital](#) | [Committee reports](#) | [Key speeches](#)

### **Research and information**

- [Parliamentary Library](#): information, analysis and advice for the Commonwealth Parliament
- [Australian National University \(ANU\) Parliamentary Studies Centre](#): academic research on parliamentary issues
- [Parliament@work](#): educational resource about Australia's parliaments and political parties
- [Australia and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table \(ANZACATT\)](#): formed in 2001 with members from each House of Parliament in Australia, Norfolk Island and New Zealand to enhance professional development of its members
- [Parliamentary Friendship Groups for the 44th Parliament Register](#): a list of officially recognised Parliamentary Friendship Groups

### **Parliaments of the States and Territories**

- [Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly](#) | [Hansard](#)
- [New South Wales Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#)
- [Northern Territory Legislative Assembly](#) | [Hansard](#)
- [Queensland Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#)
- [South Australian Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#)
- [Tasmanian Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#)
- [Victorian Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#)

- [Western Australian Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#)

## Overseas parliaments

- [Web sites of national parliaments](#): Inter-Parliamentary Union links to all national parliaments
- [PARLINE database on national parliaments](#): database of chamber structure and working methods for all countries with a national legislature
- Selected national parliaments:
  - [Canadian Parliament](#)
  - [European Parliament](#)
  - [Indian Parliament](#)
  - [New Zealand Parliament](#)
  - [Northern Ireland Assembly](#)
  - [Ireland Oireachtas](#)
  - [Scottish Parliament](#)
  - [United Kingdom Parliament](#) | [Hansard](#) | [Hansard Archive 1802-2005](#)
  - [United States House of Representatives](#) | [United States Senate](#) | [THOMAS](#) (Library of Congress bill summary and status)
  - [National Assembly for Wales](#)

## Overseas parliamentary organisations

- [Arab Parliament](#): a transitional parliament formed by the [Arab League](#) in 2005 to represent the will of the Arab people
- [Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum \(APPF\)](#): loosely-structured and non-exclusive forum of national Asia-Pacific parliamentarians
- [Assembly of the Western European Union \(WEU\)](#): the Inter-parliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly
- [Australasian Study of Parliament Group \(ASPG\)](#): to encourage and stimulate research, writing and teaching about parliamentary institutions in Australia and the South Pacific
- [Commonwealth Parliamentary Association \(CPA\)](#): promotes parliamentary democracy amongst Commonwealth parliamentarians
- [Parliamentary Assembly for the Council of Europe](#): Council of Europe was established in 1949 to promote democracy, human rights and rule of law in Europe
- [Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government \(UK\)](#): independent educational charity promoting effective parliamentary democracy
- [ParAmericas \(formerly FIPA\)](#): membership is composed of the national legislatures of the 35 independent states of the Americas
- [Inter-Parliamentary Union \(IPU\)](#): the international organization of Parliaments established in 1889
- [National Association of Parliamentarians](#): US-based association with international membership educating leaders in the use of parliamentary procedure
- [NATO Parliamentary Assembly](#): formerly North Atlantic Assembly
- [Norden](#): Nordic Council and Nordic Council of Ministers
- [OSCE Parliamentary Assembly](#): Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe involving 57 participating states

- [Parliamentarians for Global Action](#): non-profit, non-partisan international network of over 1,000 legislators in 131 elected parliaments
- [Canadian Study of Parliament Group](#): non-profit organisation that brings together individuals with an interest in the role, function and reform of parliamentary institutions
- [Study of Parliament Group \(United Kingdom\)](#): to study the working of parliament and parliamentary institutions, and other related aspects of parliamentary government and political science, and to advance public knowledge of these subjects
- [United States Association of Former Members of Congress \(FMC\)](#): provides programs to educate about the role of Congress and support emerging democracies abroad

See [Inter-Parliamentary Union \(IPU\)](#) for other parliamentary organisations

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