



APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER OF STATE

I, QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to sections 64 and 65 of the Constitution, hereby direct and appoint THE HONOURABLE ANTHONY JOHN ABBOTT MP, a member of the Federal Executive Council, to hold the office of PRIME MINISTER and to administer THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET.

Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on
18 September 2013



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Quentin Bryce'.

Governor-General

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Oath of Office

I, ANTHONY JOHN ABBOTT, do swear that I will well and truly serve the people of Australia in the office of PRIME MINISTER and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Australia.

So help me God!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Abbott", written over a dotted line.

Sworn and subscribed before me,
the Governor-General of the
Commonwealth of Australia,
at Canberra, on 18 September 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Dutton", written over a dotted line. Below the signature is a solid horizontal line.



Government House
Canberra ACT 2600

18 September 2013

Her Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified, for general information, that:

a) she has sworn in as Executive Councillors:

- Mr Barnaby Thomas Gerard Joyce;
- Mr Scott John Morrison MP;
- Senator Mathias Hubert Paul Cormann;
- Senator Mitchell Peter Fifield;
- Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP;
- Senator Fiona Joy Nash;
- Senator Marise Ann Payne;
- Mr Michael Fayat Keenan MP;
- Mr Stuart Rowland Robert MP;
- Senator Michaelia Clare Cash;
- Mr Jamie Edward Briggs MP;
- Senator Arthur Sinodinos AO.
- Mr Steven Michele Ciobo MP;
- Senator Concetta Anna Fierravanti-Wells;
- Senator Simon John Birmingham;
- Senator Scott Michael Ryan;
- Mr Darren Jeffrey Chester MP;
- Mr Paul William Fletcher MP;
- Mr Joshua Anthony Frydenberg MP;
- Mr Alan Edward Tudge MP; and
- Mr Michael Francis McCormack MP

b) she has made the following appointments:

- The Honourable Anthony John Abbott MP
Prime Minister

- The Honourable Warren Errol Truss MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
- The Honourable Julie Isabel Bishop MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Senator the Honourable Eric Abetz
Minister for Employment
- Senator the Honourable George Henry Brandis QC
Attorney-General
Minister for the Arts
- The Honourable Joseph Benedict Hockey MP
Treasurer
- The Honourable Barnaby Thomas Gerard Joyce
Minister for Agriculture
- The Honourable Christopher Maurice Pyne MP
Minister for Education
- Senator the Honourable Nigel Gregory Scullion
Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- The Honourable Ian Elgin Macfarlane MP
Minister for Industry
- The Honourable Kevin James Andrews MP
Minister for Social Services
- The Honourable Malcolm Bligh Turnbull MP
Minister for Communications
- The Honourable Peter Craig Dutton MP
Minister for Health
Minister for Sport
- The Honourable Bruce Frederick Billson MP
Minister for Small Business
- The Honourable Andrew John Robb AO MP
Minister for Trade and Investment
- Senator the Honourable David Albert Lloyd Johnston
Minister for Defence
- The Honourable Gregory Andrew Hunt MP
Minister for the Environment
- The Honourable Scott John Morrison MP
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
- Senator the Honourable Mathias Hubert Paul Cormann
Minister for Finance

- Senator the Honourable Mitchell Peter Fifield
Assistant Minister for Social Services
- The Honourable Luke Hartsuyker MP
Assistant Minister for Employment
- Senator the Honourable Fiona Joy Nash
Assistant Minister for Health
- Senator the Honourable Michael John Clyde Ronaldson
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Special Minister of State
- The Honourable Sussan Penelope Ley MP
Assistant Minister for Education
- Senator the Honourable Marise Ann Payne
Minister for Human Services
- The Honourable Michael Fayat Keenan MP
Minister for Justice
- The Honourable Stuart Rowland Robert MP
Assistant Minister for Defence
- Senator the Honourable Michaelia Clare Cash
Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
- The Honourable Jamie Edward Briggs MP
Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO
Assistant Treasurer
- Senator the Honourable Richard Mansell Colbeck
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture
- The Honourable Robert Charles Baldwin MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry
- Senator the Honourable Brett John Mason
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- The Honourable Steven Michele Ciobo MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer
- Senator the Honourable Concetta Anna Fierravanti-Wells
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services
- Senator the Honourable Simon John Birmingham
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment
- Senator the Honourable Scott Michael Ryan
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education

- The Honourable Darren Jeffrey Chester MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence
 - The Honourable Paul William Fletcher MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications
 - The Honourable Joshua Anthony Frydenberg MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister
 - The Honourable Alan Edward Tudge MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister
 - The Honourable Michael Francis McCormack MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance
- c) She has also been pleased to appoint Senator the Honourable George Brandis QC to be Vice President of the Executive Council.

By Her Excellency's Command



Stephen Brady
Official Secretary to the Governor-General



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A stylized, handwritten signature of Elizabeth II in black ink.

COMMISSION

*Passed under the Royal Sign Manual and the
Great Seal of Australia appointing*

QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE AC

to be the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

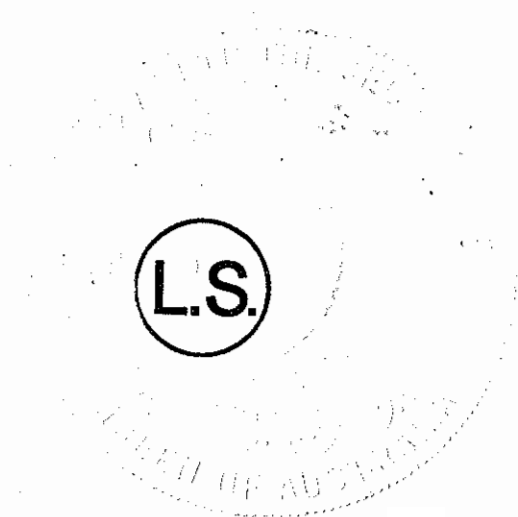
ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth: To Quentin Alice Louise Bryce, Companion of the Order of Australia,

Greeting:

WE DO, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia, appoint you, Quentin Alice Louise Bryce, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

AND WE DO authorise, empower and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in the Letters Patent dated 21 August 2008, relating to the office of Governor-General or in future Letters Patent relating to that office, according to such instructions as Our Governor-General for the time being may have received or may in future receive from Us, and according to such laws as are from time to time in force.

AND WE DO declare that the powers conferred by this Our Commission include any further powers that may in future be assigned to the Governor-General in accordance with section 2 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.



Given at Our Court
at Balmoral Castle
on 21 August 2008

By Her Majesty's Command,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Rudd', is written above the title 'Prime Minister'.

Prime Minister



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law. SO HELP ME GOD!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Quentin Alice Bryce", written over a dotted line.

Sworn, declared and subscribed by the
abovenamed Quentin Alice Louise Bryce
at Canberra in the Australian Capital
Territory before me on 5 September 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Chief Justice of Australia.

Chief Justice of
Australia



OATH OF OFFICE

I, QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, do swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, in the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of the Commonwealth of Australia, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. SO HELP ME GOD!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Quentin Alice Bryce.", followed by a horizontal dotted line and a short horizontal stroke below it.

Sworn, declared and subscribed by the
abovenamed Quentin Alice Louise Bryce
at Canberra in the Australian Capital
Territory before me on 5 September 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chief Justice of Australia".

Chief Justice of
Australia



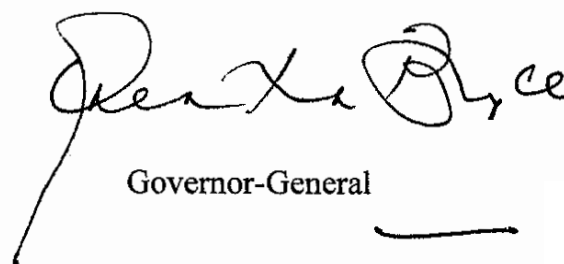
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second has been graciously pleased by Commission under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia dated 21 August 2008 to appoint me, Quentin Alice Louise Bryce, Companion of the Order of Australia, to be Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia:

NOW THEREFORE I proclaim that I have this day made the prescribed oath of allegiance and the prescribed oath of office of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia before the Honourable the Chief Justice of Australia, and that I have assumed that office accordingly.



Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia
on 5 September 2008.


Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



Prime Minister



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth R", with a horizontal line underneath.

Letters Patent

***Relating to the Office of Governor-General
of the Commonwealth of Australia***

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other
Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

Greeting:

WHEREAS, by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, certain powers,
functions and authorities are vested in a Governor-General appointed by The Queen to
be Her Majesty's representative in the Commonwealth:

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 21 August 1984, as amended, provision
was made in relation to the office of Governor-General:

AND WHEREAS, by section 4 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the
provisions of the Constitution relating to the Governor-General extend and apply to
the Governor-General for the time being, or such person as The Queen may appoint to
administer the Government of the Commonwealth:

AND WHEREAS We are desirous of revising the provisions relating to the office of
Governor-General and for persons appointed to administer the Government of the
Commonwealth:

NOW THEREFORE, by these Letters Patent under Our Sign Manual and the Great
Seal of Australia –

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- I. We revoke the Letters Patent dated 21 August 1984, as amended.
- II. We declare that –
- (a) the appointment of a person to the office of Governor-General shall be during Our pleasure by Commission under Our Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia; and
 - (b) before assuming office, a person appointed to be Governor-General shall take the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office in the presence of the Chief Justice or another Justice of the High Court of Australia.
- III. We declare that –
- (a) the appointment of a person to administer the Government of the Commonwealth under section 4 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be during Our pleasure by Commission under Our Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia;
 - (b) the powers, functions and authorities of the Governor-General shall, subject to this Clause, vest in any person so appointed from time to time by Us to administer the Government of the Commonwealth only in the event of the absence out of Australia, or the death, incapacity or removal of the Governor-General for the time being, or in the event of the Governor-General having absented himself or herself temporarily from office for any reason;
 - (c) a person so appointed shall not assume the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth –
 - (i) in the event of the absence of the Governor-General out of Australia - except at the request of the Governor-General or the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth;
 - (ii) in the event of the absence of the Governor-General out of Australia and of the death, incapacity or absence out of Australia of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth - except at the request of the Governor-General, the Deputy Prime Minister or the next most senior Minister of State for the Commonwealth who is in Australia and available to make such a request;
 - (iii) in the event of the death, incapacity or removal of the Governor-General, or in the event of the Governor-General having absented himself or herself temporarily from office for any reason - except at the request of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth; or

- (iv) in the event of the death, incapacity or removal of the Governor-General, or in the event of the Governor-General having absented himself or herself temporarily from office for any reason, and of the death, incapacity or absence out of Australia of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth - except at the request of the Deputy Prime Minister or the next most Senior Minister of State for the Commonwealth who is in Australia and available to make such a request;
- (d) a person so appointed shall not assume the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth unless he or she has taken on that occasion or has previously taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and the Oath or Affirmation of Office in the presence of the Chief Justice or another Justice of the High Court of Australia;
- (e) a person so appointed shall cease to exercise and perform the powers, functions and authorities of the Governor-General vested in him or her when a successor to the Governor-General has taken the prescribed oaths or affirmations and has entered upon the duties of his or her office, or the incapacity or absence out of Australia of the Governor-General for the time being has ceased, or the Governor-General has ceased to absent himself or herself from office, as the case may be; and
- (f) for the purposes of this clause, a reference to absence out of Australia is a reference to absence out of Australia in a geographical sense but does not include absence out of Australia for the purpose of visiting a Territory that is under the administration of the Commonwealth of Australia.

IV. In pursuance of section 126 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia –

- (a) We authorise the Governor-General for the time being, by instrument in writing, to appoint any person, or any persons jointly or severally, to be his or her deputy or deputies within any part of the Commonwealth, to exercise in that capacity, during the Governor-General's pleasure, such powers and functions of the Governor-General as he or she thinks fit to assign to that person or those persons or them by the instrument, but subject to the limitations expressed in this clause; and
- (b) We declare that a person who is so appointed to be deputy of the Governor-General shall not exercise a power or function of the Governor-General assigned to him or her on any occasion –
 - (i) except in accordance with the instrument of appointment;
 - (ii) except at the request of the Governor-General or the person for the time being administering the Government of the Commonwealth that he or she exercise that power or function on that occasion; and

- (iii) unless he or she has taken on that occasion or has previously taken the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the presence of the Governor-General, the Chief Justice or another Justice of the High Court of Australia or the Chief Judge or another Judge of the Federal Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth.

V. For the purposes of these Letters Patent –

- (a) a reference to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance is a reference to the Oath or Affirmation in accordance with the form set out in the Schedule to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia; and
- (b) a reference to the Oath or Affirmation of Office is a reference to an Oath or Affirmation swearing or affirming well and truly to serve Us, Our heirs and successors according to law in the particular office and to do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of the Commonwealth of Australia, without fear or favour, affection or illwill.

VI. We direct that these Letters Patent, each Commission appointing a Governor-General or person to administer the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and each instrument of appointment of a deputy of the Governor-General shall be published in the official gazette of the Commonwealth of Australia.

VII. We further direct that these Letters Patent shall take effect without affecting the efficacy of any Commission or appointment given or made before the date hereof or of anything done in pursuance of any such Commission or appointment, or of any oath or affirmation taken before that date for the purpose of any such Commission or appointment.

VIII. We reserve full power from time to time to revoke, alter or amend these Letters Patent as We think fit.

Given at Our Court

at Balmoral Castle

on 21 August 2008



By Her Majesty's Command,

Prime Minister