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New Australian Government led by the Leader of the Liberal Party, the Hon Tony Abbott MP, and his cabinet were sworn in by the Governor-General Quentin Bryce on Wednesday 18 September 2013.



The Hon Tony Abbott MP, was sworn in as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia on 18 September 2013.

Prior to the election of the Coalition Government on 7 September 2013, Mr Abbott had been Leader of the Opposition since 1 December 2009. Mr Abbott was first elected as Member for Warringah in March 1994. He has been re-elected as Member for Warringah at seven subsequent elections.

During the Howard Government, Mr Abbott served as a Parliamentary Secretary, Minister, Cabinet Minister, and Leader of the House of Representatives.



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The Hon Julie Bishop MP was sworn in as Australia's 38th Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Ms Bishop will assume this senior frontbench position at a critical time in international relations; when Australia is President of the United Nations Security Council, and as Australia assumes the Chair of the G20 in December.

"I am proud to be Australia's first female Foreign Minister and I look forward to promoting and protecting the interests of Australia and Australians," Ms Bishop said.

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Andrew Robb AO MP, Minister for Trade and Investment

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Senator the Hon Brett Mason,
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Australian Federal Election 2013

Australians who were listed on the current electoral roll were eligible to vote whilst overseas. The Australian Embassy Zagreb received a total of 266 pre-poll votes for the Australian Federal Election between 26 August—6 September 2013.

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