

**OCCASIONS SINCE 1901 WHEN A NEW SENATE WAS SWORN IN JULY**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Last sitting day of old Senate</b>	<b>New Senate sworn (next sitting day)</b>
1910	Wednesday 8 December 1909	Friday 1 July 1910 <sup>1</sup>
1913	Saturday 21 December 1912	Wednesday 9 July 1913 (new Parliament also)
1917	Thursday 14 June	Wednesday 11 July
1920	Thursday 27 May	Thursday 1 July
1923	Friday 29 June	Wednesday 4 July
1926	Wednesday 30 June	Thursday 1 July
1938	Thursday 30 June	Friday 1 July
1941	Friday 27 June	Tuesday 1 July
1944	Friday 31 March	Monday 17 July
1950	Thursday 22 June	Thursday 6 July

There have been 33 "ordinary" changeovers since 1901, including the January changeovers of 1903 and 1906 (and excluding all new Senates following double dissolutions). The occasions listed represent 30% of changeovers from 1901 to 2008, but 71% of changeovers from 1910 to 1950. August is the most common month for a new Senate to be sworn, accounting for 55% of all changeovers and 94% of changeovers since 1953. Two new Senates were sworn in September (1935 and 1953) and one in October (1947).

Clerk's Office

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**Senate F&PA Committee**

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Inquiry: *F&PA Budget Estimates 2011-12*

Date/Time: *9:15am, 23/5/11*

Witness Name: *Dr. Laing*

Organisation: *Dept. of the Senate.*

<sup>1</sup> This was the first mid-year changeover, the Constitution having been altered in 1906 to align senators' terms with the financial rather than the calendar year.