

1. The Senate department's graduate placement scheme (Senator Moore)

The Parliament of Australia Graduate Program (the program) was developed by the Department of the House of Representatives and commenced in 2004. The Department of the Senate joined the program in 2009 and the Parliamentary Budget Office in 2014.

The program is designed to give graduates exposure to the parliamentary departments' work in supporting the Parliament and is open to those enrolled within the graduate programs of Australian Government departments and agencies.

Participants who are placed with the Department of the Senate mainly work in the Committee Office. From 2009 to 2012, two participants were selected each year to work in the Department of the Senate. In 2013, the Department of the Senate did not participate in the program due to, among other factors, budgetary restrictions. In 2014, one participant has commenced with the Department of the Senate and discussions are still being held with another graduate who may join the program later in the year.

At the completion of the placement, the Department of the Senate reimburses the participant's home department or agency for the participant's associated salary costs.