

The Australian Women's Register

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Allan, Jacinta Marie

(1973 -)

Nationality Australian

Born 19 September, 1973, Bendigo Victoria Australia

Occupation Parliamentarian

Summary

Jacinta Allan was the first member of the Australian Labor Party and the first woman to be elected to the seat of Bendigo East in the Legislative Assembly of the Victorian Parliament at the election of 1999. She was re-elected in 2002 and held the ministerial portfolio of Education Services and Employment and Youth Affairs. On her re-election again in 2006, she held the portfolios of Rural and Regional Development and Skills and Workforce Participation. Successful again at the November 2010 election, but as the ALP was narrowly defeated, she was a member of the Opposition until the ALP's return to government and her re-election in November 2014. She held the portfolios of Public Transport and Employment and Leader of the House in the Legislative Assembly from December 2014. In June 2022, she became Deputy Premier. Following the resignation of Premier Daniel Andrews on 23 September 2023, Allan was elected unopposed as the Leader of the Labor Party and 49th Premier. She is the second woman, after Joan Kirner, to lead the state of Victoria.

Details

Jacinta Allan was born and raised in Bendigo, Victoria. She undertook secondary studies at Catholic College Bendigo before completing her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at La Trobe University, Bendigo.

A member of the fourth generation of her family to have lived in the Bendigo region, Jacinta maintains a proud family tradition of active community involvement. She has been a member of the Committee of Management for the Bendigo Community Health Service and the Loddon Mallee Women's Health Service.

Jacinta worked in the office of Neil O'Keefe, Federal Member for Burke, and Steve Gibbons, Federal Member for Bendigo, before entering Parliament in 1999. In 2002 she became the Minister for Education Services and Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs.

In her role as Minister for Education Services, Jacinta is responsible for:

- school and TAFE construction projects
- maintenance of government schools and TAFE campuses in Victoria
- teacher recruitment and retention
- student welfare services, including student transport and services for students with disabilities
- school governance arrangements, and
- IT management in schools.

As Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, Jacinta is responsible for:

- leading Whole-of-Government policy and program initiatives on behalf of Victoria's more than 800,000 young people as well as delivering one of the biggest youth budgets for young people; programs run by the Office for Youth such as FReeZA, Youth Participation and Access Program and Advance;
- the Government's comprehensive consultation programs with young people;
- leading the Government's efforts to reduce unemployment across the whole of Victoria, and employment programs such as Workforce Participation Partnerships program and the Youth Employment Scheme.

Published resources

Book

Victorian Parliamentary Handbook, no. 8, the 55th Parliament, 2004

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Resource

Jacinta Allan MP, Member for Bendigo East, 2005,
<http://www.jacintaallan.com>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

Carrying on the Fight: Women Candidates in Victorian Parliamentary Elections, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2008,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/cws/home.html>

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