

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

**Entry ID:** AWE0205

## Patterson, Kay Christine Lesley

(1944 - )

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**Born** 21 November, 1944, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian

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### Summary

Senator the Honourable Kay Patterson was elected to the Senate for Victoria in 1987. On 7 October 2003 she was appointed Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women. Her other ministerial appointments have included being Minister for Health and Ageing, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. Prior to entering Parliament she was Principal Lecturer and Chair with the School of Behavioural Sciences at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences.

## Events

### **2000 - 2000**

Official visit to New Zealand

### **2001 - 2001**

Official visit to Papua New Guinea

### **1974 - 1976**

Senior Tutor with the Psychology Department at Monash University

### **1977 - 1983**

Lecturer with the School of Behavioural Sciences at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences

### **1983 - 1985**

Senior Lecturer with the School of Behavioural Sciences at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences

### **1986 - 1987**

Principal Lecturer and Chair with the School of Behavioural Sciences at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences

### **1983 - 1983**

Kellogg Travelling Fellow and Visiting Fellow with the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan

### **1985 - 1985**

Visiting Scholar with the Gerontology Center at Pennsylvania State University

### **1978 - 1999**

Member of the Monash University Council

### **1974 - 1991**

Member of Guides Victoria State Council

### **1993 - 1993**

Member of Guides Victoria State Council

### **1974 - 1985**

Member of Guides Victoria State Executive

### **1988 - 1991**

Member of Guides Victoria State Executive

### **2002 - 2002**

Life Member of Guides Victoria

### **1996 - 1998**

Participating member of the Community Affairs: Legislation Committee

### **1990 - 1992**

Member of the Senate Estimates Committee: C

### **1993 - 1994**

Member of the Senate Estimates Committee: C

### **1961 - 1964**

Small business secretary and office manager

### **1990 - 1996**

Member of the Opposition Shadow Ministry

### **1990 - 1992**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Chair of the Social Policy and Health Group

### **1992 - 1993**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Chair of the Family, Social and Health Policy Group

### **1993 - 1994**

Shadow Minister for Senior Citizens and Aged Care and Shadow Minister Assisting the Leader of the Opposition on Women's Affairs and the Arts

**1994 - 1995**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Minister for Community Services, Senior Citizens and Aged Care

**1970 - 1970**

Tutor with the Faculty of Education at the University of Sydney

**1995 - 1996**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Minister for Health and Human Services

**1985 - 1987**

Delegate from the Hawthorn West Branch of the Liberal Party State Council

**1986 - 1987**

Vice-President of the Hawthorn West Branch of the Liberal Party

**1985 - 1987**

Membership Officer of the Hawthorn West Branch of the Liberal Party

**1985 - 1987**

Member of the Hawthorn and East Yarra Province Electorate Committee

**1996 - 1996**

Chair of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: Legislation Committee

**1997 - 1997**

Chair of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: Legislation Committee

**1989 - 1989**

Delegate at the 3rd Commonwealth Conference on Delegated Legislation in London

**1987 - 1987**

Elected to the Senate for Victoria

**1996 - 1998**

Temporary Chair of Committees

**1998 - 2001**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

**2000 - 2001**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**2001 - 2003**

Minister for Health and Ageing

**2003 - 2003**

Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women

**1987 - 1990**

Member of the Senate Standing Committee for Scrutiny of Bills

**1988 - 1993**

Member of the Senate Standing Committee for Regulations and Ordinances

**1996 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Standing Committee for Regulations and Ordinances

**1997 - 1998**

Member of the Senate Standing Committee for Regulations and Ordinances

**1987 - 1991**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Employment, Education and Training



**1992 - 1992**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs

**1994 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs: References Committee

**1998 - 1998**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs: References Committee

**1994 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs: Legislation Committee

**1998 - 1998**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Community Affairs: Legislation Committee

**1996 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Employment, Education and Training: References Committee

**1998 - 1998**

Chair of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: Legislation Committee

**1995 - 1996**

Participating member of the Economics: Legislation Committee

**1996 - 1998**

Participating member of the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: References Committee

**1996 - 1997**

Participating member of the Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: Legislation Committee

**2001 - 2001**

Official visit to Samoa

**2001 - 2001**

Leader of the Delegation to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa

**1997 - 1997**

Parliamentary Adviser at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York

**1996 - 1996**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: Legislation Committee

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**1998 - 1998**

Member of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee for Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts: Legislation Committee

**2001 - 2001**

Awarded the Centenary Medal 'for service as Minister for Health and Ageing'

**2016 - 2016**

Appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

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

### **Resource Section**

The Hon. Kay Patterson, Senator for Victoria, Australian Parliament House,  
<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/senators/homepages/senators.asp?id=LI4>

Senator Kay Patterson, Victorian Liberal Party,  
[http://www.vic.liberal.org.au/default.cfm?action=people\\_details&ID=232](http://www.vic.liberal.org.au/default.cfm?action=people_details&ID=232)

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### **Book**

So Many Firsts: Liberal Women from Enid Lyons to the Turnbull Era, Fitzherbert, Margaret, 2009

### **Site Exhibition**

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

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