

The Australian Women's Register

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Vanstone, Amanda Eloise

(1952 -)

Born 7 December, 1952, Adelaide South Australia Australia

Occupation Lawyer, Parliamentarian

Summary

Elected to the Senate for South Australia in 1984 (Liberal Party), Amanda Vanstone was appointed Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women on 30 January 2001.

Amana Vanstone was honoured with an AO in the Australia Day Honours list in 2020 for distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, to the people of South Australia, and to the community.

Details

Vanstone obtained a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Adelaide, as well as a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and a Marketing Studies Certificate from the South Australian Institute of Technology. She began her career as a retailer, and worked in wholesaling before becoming a solicitor.

Since entering Federal Parliament, Vanstone has been appointed Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (11 March 1996 to 9 October 1997); Minister for Justice (9 October 1997 to 21 October 1998); and Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs (21 October 1998 to 30 January 2001).

She has been a Member of the Cabinet and the Legal Committee of the Cabinet; Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Shadow Special Minister of State; and spokesperson on the Status of Women. She was involved in the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse.

Married to Tony, she is a supporter of the RSPCA.

Published resources

Resource Section

The Hon. Amanda Vanstone, Senator for South Australia, Australian Parliament House,
<http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/senators/homepages/>

Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone: Minister for Family & Community Services; Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women, Department of Family and Community Services,
<http://www.ofw.facsia.gov.au>

Edited Book

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

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

Australian Women Lawyers as Active Citizens, Trailblazing Women Lawyers Project Team, 2016,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/lawyers>

Archival resources

AIATSIS Pictorial Collection

Opening of a Memorial to the Stolen Generations

Author Details

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