

National seat status

June 2013

This fact sheet lists the seat status for all federal electoral divisions as a result of the 2010 federal election. In addition, the notional seat status for all electoral divisions in Victoria and South Australia is listed, these states having undergone a redistribution after the 2010 federal election.

Seats in the House of Representatives

The number of seats to be elected in the House of Representatives at the next federal election, including the number that each state and territory is entitled to, is determined by the Electoral Commissioner using official population figures.

The **entitlement determination**, made in September 2011, was that a total of 150 seats will be contested at the 2013 federal election for the House of Representatives. This is the same number as at the 2010 federal election. The number to be elected by each state and territory, also the same as at the 2010 election, is detailed in the table below:

State	Number of seats
New South Wales	48 seats
Victoria	37 seats
Queensland	30 seats
Western Australia	15 seats
South Australia	11 seats
Tasmania	5 seats
Australian Capital Territory	2 seats
Northern Territory	2 seats

How is seat status defined?

Each electoral division is classified in terms of its seat status. Seat status is generally based on the two-party preferred vote (TPP) count undertaken at the previous federal election. The TPP count in each electoral division requires a full distribution of preferences to the leading candidates for the Australian Labor Party (ALP) and the Liberal or National parties (Coalition).

The AEC classifies seats as follows:

- **marginal (M)**: when the leading party receives less than 56 per cent of the TPP vote
- **fairly safe (FS)**: when leading party receives between 56-60 per cent of the TPP vote
- **safe (S)**: when a leading party receives more than 60 per cent of the TPP vote.

Redistributions of electoral boundaries since 2010 election

Following the 2010 federal election, a redistribution of federal electoral divisions was conducted in Victoria in 2010 and in South Australia in 2011 because seven years had passed since the last redistribution in either state. For both states there was no change to the number of electoral divisions to which they were entitled to. The redistribution processes redrew the boundaries to ensure similar numbers of voters in the electoral divisions within Victoria and South Australia respectively, in accordance with the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. The new boundaries will come into effect at the 2013 federal election.

Notional seat status

After a redistribution, the AEC calculates the notional seat status for each electoral division where boundary changes have occurred. The notional seat status estimates the margin that a party (candidate) would have won the seat by using 2010 federal election voting patterns and applying them to the redrawn boundaries.

These calculations will be used by the AEC's computers and virtual tally room at the next election, including on election night, to provide swings on a TPP basis. The swing is the difference between the performance of a candidate or party at one election in comparison to the other.

What about when the final two candidates are not ALP and Coalition candidates?

Historically, almost all of the contests for election to the House of Representatives result in the final two ('top two') candidates being ALP and Coalition candidates.

At the 2010 federal election this was the case in 142 out of 150 seats. The remaining eight seats were categorised by the AEC as "non-classic" contests in the electoral divisions of Batman, Denison, Grayndler, Kennedy, Lyne, Melbourne, New England and

O'Connor, where the final two candidates were not ALP and Coalition. For "non-classic" contests, the count after all preferences have been distributed is called Two Candidate Preferred (TCP).

A further scrutiny for information (TPP count) is later conducted by the AEC in these seats for statistical purposes. This count notionally allocates votes to the leading ALP and Coalition party candidates using the next available preference on the ballot papers to show what the result of the count would have been had these candidates been the two leading candidates. State and/or Territory wide or national TPP swings can then be estimated for statistical purposes.

In the tables following, there are two lists each for Victoria and South Australia. The first table shows the 2010 federal election results and the second provides the states' post-redistribution notional seat status.

All information on [pages 2–9](#) is expressed in TPP terms. TPP calculations for "non-classic" electoral divisions are indicated by an **asterisk**.

Separate tables on [pages 9–10](#) provide TCP information for the eight electoral "non-classic" divisions, including post-redistribution notional seat status (TCP) for two affected Victorian seats.

Two Party Preferred Margins

Election Results 2010 – New South Wales

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Banks	51.45	48.55	ALP	M	1.45
Barton	56.86	43.14	ALP	FS	6.86
Bennelong	46.88	53.12	LP	M	3.12
Berowra	33.80	66.20	LP	S	16.20
Blaxland	62.23	37.77	ALP	S	12.23
Bradfield	31.82	68.18	LP	S	18.18
Calare	39.26	60.74	NP	S	10.74
Charlton	62.67	37.33	ALP	S	12.67
Chifley	62.34	37.66	ALP	S	12.34
Cook	37.34	62.66	LP	S	12.66
Cowper	40.73	59.27	NP	FS	9.27

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Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Cunningham	63.17	36.83	ALP	S	13.17
Dobell	55.07	44.93	ALP	M	5.07
Eden-Monaro	54.24	45.76	ALP	M	4.24
Farrer	35.49	64.51	LP	S	14.51
Fowler	58.76	41.24	ALP	FS	8.76
Gilmore	44.68	55.32	LP	M	5.32
Grayndler*	70.63	29.37	ALP	*	20.63*
Greenway	50.88	49.12	ALP	M	0.88
Hughes	44.83	55.17	LP	M	5.17
Hume	41.28	58.72	LP	FS	8.72
Hunter	62.48	37.52	ALP	S	12.48
Kingsford Smith	55.16	44.84	ALP	M	5.16
Lindsay	51.12	48.88	ALP	M	1.12
Lyne*	37.55	62.45	IND	*	12.45*
Macarthur	46.98	53.02	LP	M	3.02
Mackellar	34.28	65.72	LP	S	15.72
Macquarie	48.74	51.26	LP	M	1.26
McMahon	57.81	42.19	ALP	FS	7.81
Mitchell	32.84	67.16	LP	S	17.16
New England*	33.20	66.80	IND	*	16.80*
Newcastle	62.49	37.51	ALP	S	12.49
North Sydney	35.94	64.06	LP	S	14.06
Page	54.19	45.81	ALP	M	4.19
Parkes	31.14	68.86	NP	S	18.86
Parramatta	54.37	45.63	ALP	M	4.37
Paterson	44.67	55.33	LP	M	5.33
Reid	52.68	47.32	ALP	M	2.68
Richmond	56.99	43.01	ALP	FS	6.99
Riverina	31.83	68.17	NP	S	18.17
Robertson	51.00	49.00	ALP	M	1.00
Shortland	62.85	37.15	ALP	S	12.85
Sydney	67.07	32.93	ALP	S	17.07
Throsby	62.11	37.89	ALP	S	12.11
Warringah	36.91	63.09	LP	S	13.09
Watson	59.14	40.86	ALP	FS	9.14

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Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Wentworth	35.14	64.86	LP	S	14.86
Werriwa	56.75	43.25	ALP	FS	6.75

Election Results 2010 – Victoria

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Aston	48.24	51.76	LP	M	1.76
Ballarat	61.70	38.30	ALP	S	11.70
Batman*	74.91	25.09	ALP	*	24.91*
Bendigo	59.53	40.47	ALP	FS	9.53
Bruce	58.12	41.88	ALP	FS	8.12
Calwell	69.72	30.28	ALP	S	19.72
Casey	45.82	54.18	LP	M	4.18
Chisholm	56.11	43.89	ALP	FS	6.11
Corangamite	50.41	49.59	ALP	M	0.41
Corio	64.22	35.78	ALP	S	14.22
Deakin	52.41	47.59	ALP	M	2.41
Dunkley	48.98	51.02	LP	M	1.02
Flinders	40.89	59.11	LP	FS	9.11
Gellibrand	73.90	26.10	ALP	S	23.90
Gippsland	38.55	61.45	NP	S	11.45
Goldstein	43.53	56.47	LP	FS	6.47
Gorton	72.16	27.84	ALP	S	22.16
Higgins	43.25	56.75	LP	FS	6.75
Holt	63.23	36.77	ALP	S	13.23
Hotham	63.50	36.50	ALP	S	13.50
Indi	40.06	59.94	LP	FS	9.94
Isaacs	61.02	38.98	ALP	S	11.02
Jagajaga	61.52	38.48	ALP	S	11.52
Kooyong	42.45	57.55	LP	FS	7.55
La Trobe	50.91	49.09	ALP	M	0.91
Lalor	72.15	27.85	ALP	S	22.15
Mallee	25.59	74.41	NP	S	24.41
Maribyrnong	66.86	33.14	ALP	S	16.86
McEwen	55.32	44.68	ALP	M	5.32
McMillan	45.59	54.41	LP	M	4.41

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Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Melbourne*	73.30	26.70	GRN	*	23.30*
Melbourne Ports	57.56	42.44	ALP	FS	7.56
Menzies	41.28	58.72	LP	FS	8.72
Murray	29.65	70.35	LP	S	20.35
Scullin	72.25	27.75	ALP	S	22.25
Wannon	42.71	57.29	LP	FS	7.29
Wills	72.64	27.36	ALP	S	22.64

Post Redistribution 2010 – Victoria – Notional Seat Status

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Aston	49.33	50.67	LP	M	0.67
Ballarat	61.70	38.30	ALP	S	11.70
Batman*	74.80	25.20	ALP	*	24.80*
Bendigo	59.42	40.58	ALP	FS	9.42
Bruce	57.71	42.29	ALP	FS	7.71
Calwell	70.06	29.94	ALP	S	20.06
Casey	48.14	51.86	LP	M	1.86
Chisholm	55.78	44.22	ALP	M	5.78
Corangamite	50.28	49.72	ALP	M	0.28
Corio	63.47	36.53	ALP	S	13.47
Deakin	50.60	49.40	ALP	M	0.60
Dunkley	48.96	51.04	LP	M	1.04
Flinders	40.86	59.14	LP	FS	9.14
Gellibrand	74.13	25.87	ALP	S	24.13
Gippsland	38.55	61.45	NP	S	11.45
Goldstein	43.99	56.01	LP	FS	6.01
Gorton	73.63	26.37	ALP	S	23.63
Higgins	44.60	55.40	LP	M	5.40
Holt	63.97	36.03	ALP	S	13.97
Hotham	63.96	36.04	ALP	S	13.96
Indi	41.01	58.99	LP	FS	8.99
Isaacs	60.41	39.59	ALP	S	10.41
Jagajaga	61.15	38.85	ALP	S	11.15
Kooyong	42.55	57.45	LP	FS	7.45
La Trobe	51.66	48.34	ALP	M	1.66

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Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Lalor	72.12	27.88	ALP	S	22.12
Mallee	26.74	73.26	NP	S	23.26
Maribyrnong	67.49	32.51	ALP	S	17.49
McEwen	59.18	40.82	ALP	FS	9.18
McMillan	45.79	54.21	LP	M	4.21
Melbourne*	72.77	27.23	GRN	*	22.77*
Melbourne Ports	57.89	42.11	ALP	FS	7.89
Menzies	41.35	58.65	LP	FS	8.65
Murray	30.42	69.58	LP	S	19.58
Scullin	70.53	29.47	ALP	S	20.53
Wannon	44.34	55.66	LP	M	5.66
Wills	73.53	26.47	ALP	S	23.53

Election Results 2010 – Queensland

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Blair	54.24	45.76	ALP	M	4.24
Bonner	47.18	52.82	LNP	M	2.82
Bowman	39.61	60.39	LNP	S	10.39
Brisbane	48.87	51.13	LNP	M	1.13
Capricornia	53.68	46.32	ALP	M	3.68
Dawson	47.57	52.43	LNP	M	2.43
Dickson	44.87	55.13	LNP	M	5.13
Fadden	35.81	64.19	LNP	S	14.19
Fairfax	43.05	56.95	LNP	FS	6.95
Fisher	45.87	54.13	LNP	M	4.13
Flynn	46.42	53.58	LNP	M	3.58
Forde	48.37	51.63	LNP	M	1.63
Griffith	58.46	41.54	ALP	FS	8.46
Groom	31.47	68.53	LNP	S	18.53
Herbert	47.83	52.17	LNP	M	2.17
Hinkler	39.61	60.39	LNP	S	10.39
Kennedy*	38.06	61.94	IND	*	11.94*
Leichhardt	45.45	54.55	LNP	M	4.55
Lilley	53.18	46.82	ALP	M	3.18
Longman	48.08	51.92	LNP	M	1.92

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Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Maranoa	27.11	72.89	LNP	S	22.89
McPherson	39.72	60.28	LNP	S	10.28
Moncrieff	32.51	67.49	LNP	S	17.49
Moreton	51.13	48.87	ALP	M	1.13
Oxley	55.77	44.23	ALP	M	5.77
Petrie	52.51	47.49	ALP	M	2.51
Rankin	55.41	44.59	ALP	M	5.41
Ryan	42.84	57.16	LNP	FS	7.16
Wide Bay	34.39	65.61	LNP	S	15.61
Wright	39.85	60.15	LNP	S	10.15

Election Results 2010 – Western Australia

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Brand	53.33	46.67	ALP	M	3.33
Canning	47.81	52.19	LP	M	2.19
Cowan	43.71	56.29	LP	FS	6.29
Curtin	33.81	66.19	LP	S	16.19
Durack	36.33	63.67	LP	S	13.67
Forrest	41.26	58.74	LP	FS	8.74
Fremantle	55.70	44.30	ALP	M	5.70
Hasluck	49.43	50.57	LP	M	0.57
Moore	38.81	61.19	LP	S	11.19
O'Connor*	27.00	73.00	NP	*	23.00*
Pearce	41.14	58.86	LP	FS	8.86
Perth	55.88	44.12	ALP	M	5.88
Stirling	44.45	55.55	LP	M	5.55
Swan	47.47	52.53	LP	M	2.53
Tangney	37.68	62.32	LP	S	12.32

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Election Results 2010 – South Australia

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Adelaide	57.69	42.31	ALP	FS	7.69
Barker	37.12	62.88	LP	S	12.88
Boothby	49.25	50.75	LP	M	0.75
Grey	38.84	61.16	LP	S	11.16
Hindmarsh	55.70	44.30	ALP	M	5.70
Kingston	63.91	36.09	ALP	S	13.91
Makin	62.20	37.80	ALP	S	12.20
Mayo	42.65	57.35	LP	FS	7.35
Port Adelaide	70.03	29.97	ALP	S	20.03
Sturt	46.57	53.43	LP	M	3.43
Wakefield	61.95	38.05	ALP	S	11.95

Post Redistribution 2011 – South Australia – Notional Seat Status

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Adelaide	57.52	42.48	ALP	FS	7.52
Barker	36.99	63.01	LP	S	13.01
Boothby	49.38	50.62	LP	M	0.62
Grey	38.84	61.16	LP	S	11.16
Hindmarsh	56.08	43.92	ALP	FS	6.08
Kingston	64.55	35.45	ALP	S	14.55
Makin	62.00	38.00	ALP	S	12.00
Mayo	42.71	57.29	LP	FS	7.29
Port Adelaide	70.91	29.09	ALP	S	20.91
Sturt	46.40	53.60	LP	M	3.60
Wakefield	60.53	39.47	ALP	S	10.53

Election Results 2010 – Tasmania

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Bass	56.74	43.26	ALP	FS	6.74
Braddon	57.48	42.52	ALP	FS	7.48
Denison*	65.82	34.18	IND	*	15.82*
Franklin	60.82	39.18	ALP	S	10.82
Lyons	62.29	37.71	ALP	S	12.29

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Election Results 2010 – Australian Capital Territory

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Canberra	59.15	40.85	ALP	FS	9.15
Fraser	64.20	35.80	ALP	S	14.20

Election Results 2010 – Northern Territory

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected	Status	Swing required
Lingiari	53.70	46.30	ALP	M	3.70
Solomon	48.25	51.75	CLP	M	1.75

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Two Candidate Preferred Margins (“Non-classic seats”)

At the 2010 election there were eight electorates where the final two candidates were not the ALP and the Coalition. The AEC commonly refers to these as “non-classic” contests, and after preferences have been distributed for the two final candidates the results are described as Two Candidate Preferred (TCP). The divisions were Batman, Denison, Grayndler, Kennedy, Lyne, Melbourne, New England and O’Connor. The TCP results were:

Two Candidate Preferred Vote – Election Results 2010

State	Electorate	TCP (a)	TCP (b)	Elected	Status	Swing required
NSW	Grayndler	54.23 (ALP)	45.77 (GRN)	ALP	M	4.23
	Lyne	62.73 (IND)	37.27 (NP)	IND	S	12.73
	New England	71.52 (IND)	28.48 (NP)	IND	S	21.52
VIC	Batman	57.86 (ALP)	42.14 (GRN)	ALP	FS	7.86
	Melbourne	56.04 (GRN)	43.96 (ALP)	GRN	FS	6.04
QLD	Kennedy	68.34 (IND)	31.66 (LNP)	IND	S	18.34
WA	O’Connor	46.44 (LP)	53.56 (NP)	NP	M	3.56
TAS	Denison	51.21 (IND)	48.79 (ALP)	IND	M	1.21

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In these electorates, a further scrutiny for information (TPP count) was also conducted for statistical purposes and is included in the TPP tables in this publication. This count notionally allocates votes to the leading ALP and Coalition party candidates using the next available preference on the ballot papers to show what the result of the count would have had these ALP/Coalition been the two leading candidates.

The divisions of Batman and Melbourne were part of the 2010 Victorian redistribution and have a revised notional TCP seat status as follows:

Two Candidate Preferred Vote – Post redistribution 2010 – Notional status

State	Electorate	TCP (a)	TCP (b)	Elected	Status	Swing required
VIC	Batman	57.75 (ALP)	42.25 (GRN)	ALP	FS	7.75
	Melbourne	55.91 (GRN)	44.09 (ALP)	GRN	M	5.91

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Further information

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Please note: The terms “seat”, “electorate” and “electoral division” are used interchangeably in this publication.

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