

Top: When the people of the six Australian colonies voted to join together in Federation, they laid the foundation for the establishment of the Australian Parliament in 1901. Photo: Western Australia's Federal Poll 31 July 1900, the Western Australian Record Board, from the book Souvenir of the Inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth, reproduced by permission of the National Library of Australia.

Bottom: The first Federal Ministry comprising Members of the Commonwealth Parliament. Photo: By permission of the National Library of Australia



Officers of the Department of the House of Representatives in 1901.

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