




Speech By
Hon. Fiona Simpson

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Vacancy in Senate of Commonwealth of Australia

 **Madam SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I have to report that Her Excellency the Governor has been informed by the President of the Senate of the resignation of Senator Barnaby Joyce. I table the correspondence for the information of members.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 15 August 2013, from Her Excellency the Governor to the Speaker enclosing advice from the President of the Senate of the resignation of Senator the Hon. Barnaby Joyce on 8 August 2013 [[3345](#)].

The letter reads—

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, I notify Your Excellency that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Queensland through the resignation of Senator Barnaby Joyce on 8 August 2013.

Yours sincerely

John Hogg

President of the Senate

Honourable members, on 29 August 2013, pursuant to standing order 288, I issued a summons to members to a sitting of the House at 2.30pm on Thursday, 12 September 2013 in the Legislative Assembly chamber for the purpose of electing a senator as provided in section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.