

## Amanda Vanstone

The Hon Amanda Vanstone hosts Counterpoint, a weekly program on Radio National and is a regular contributor to *The Age* newspaper.

The former Federal politician and Ambassador to Italy, she is currently Chair of the Royal Flying Doctor Australia, Chair of Vision 2020 Australia, and a member of the board of the Port Adelaide Football Club. She is also on the Board of Governors of the Institute for International Trade based at Adelaide University. She served on the National Commission of Audit from November 2013 to March 2014.



Amanda entered Federal Parliament in 1984, as a Senator for South Australia. At that time she was the youngest member of the Senate. She was re-elected in 1987, 1993, 1998 and 2004.

She served as a Minister in the Australian Government from the 1996 election until January 2007. Except for a period of just over three years as Minister for Justice and Customs all her Ministerial positions were in Cabinet. She is the longest serving female Cabinet Minister since Federation.

In 2007 she was appointed as Australian Ambassador to Italy and to San Marino and Australia's Representative to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and the UN World Food Program for three years.