Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE4121

Ellis, Annette Louise

(1946 -)

Born	19461013, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Parliamentarian, Public servant

Summary

A member of the Australian Labor Party, Annette Ellis was elected to the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Australia as the Member for Namadji, Australian Capital Territory, in 1996. Following an electoral redistribution in 1997, she stood as a candidate for the seat of Canberra, Australian Capital Territory at the 1998 election and was successful. She was re-elected in 2001, 2004 and 2007. She did not recontest her seat at the 2010 election. Before her entry into the Federal Parliament she was a member of the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly from 1992 until her defeat in 1995.

Details

Before her election in 1992 to the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly, Annette Ellis had worked in the private sector, then for the State Department of Education in Victoria before joining the Australian Public Service, taking up a position in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

In the House of Representatives Ellis was a member of the Shadow Ministry for three years and was a member of six international parliamentary delegations, culminating in her appointment as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly from September to December 2009. She served on several parliamentary committees but considered her work on ‘Health is Life’, the 2000 report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Services inquiry into the status of indigenous health, and on ‘Who Cares’, the 2009 report into better support for carers by the Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth, as her most significant contributions to social policy development.

After she retired from the House of Representatives Ellis served on the boards or as patron of many organisations in Canberra, including the Tuggeranong Hawks Football Club, Pegasus, the Australia-Thailand Institute and was a member of the University of Canberra Council.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition
From Lady Denman to Katy Gallagher: A Century of Women's Contributions to Canberra, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2013,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/ldkg

Website
Ms Annette Ellis: Parliament of Australia website,
https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=5K6

Author Details
Rosemary Francis

Created 22 April 2009
Last modified 21 July 2025