

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE4217

## Nelson, Beryce Ann

(1947 - )

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**Born** 19470110, Brisbane Queensland Australia

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Radiographer

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### Summary

Beryce Nelson represented both the Liberal and National Parties in the Queensland Parliament. She was elected as the Member for Aspley, representing the Liberal Party of Australia, in 1980. In August 1983, during her first term in parliament, she was appointed Government Deputy Whip, the first woman to gain the position, but was unfortunately defeated at the election, which was held in the same year. After her resignation from the Liberal Party in 1984 and on joining the National Party in 1985, she won the seat of Apsley in 1986 for the National Party and was appointed Minister for Family Services in 1989. She was the third woman to hold a ministerial portfolio in Queensland.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Women in the Queensland Parliament 1929-1994, McCulloch, John, 1994,  
<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/publications/documents/research/backgroundBriefs/1994/BIB27.pdf>

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### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia

[[Biographical cuttings on Beryce Nelson, politician, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals](#)]

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