

Statement by the Deputy Prime Minister,
the Right Honourable J. McEwin, MP,
in the House of Representatives on
15th October, 1964

SENATE ELECTIONS

I make a statement to the House concerning Senate elections. I make the statement at the request of the Prime Minister who, as Honourable Members know, is absent from the House for the time being because of illness.

Honourable Members will be aware that to satisfy the provisions of the Constitution, elections for the Senate must have been conducted and completed by 30th June next, so that newly-elected Senators may commence their term of service on 1st July, 1965.

On the recommendation of the Prime Minister on behalf of the Government, His Excellency the Governor-General has proposed to the State Governors an election timetable. Each State has agreed to the timetable proposed and, accordingly, I announce to the House that elections for the Senate will be held in all States on Saturday, 5th December. It is necessary that this announcement be made to the House at this time since the law of some States requires formal action in those States within the next few days in order to give effect to the timetable in mind.

The full timetable is as follows :-

Issue of Writs	Monday, 26th October, 1964
Nominations close	Monday, 9th November, 1964
Polling	Saturday, 5th December, 1964
Return of Writs	On or before Saturday, 23rd January, 1965.
