



## AUSTRALIA IN THE PARLIAMENT

The Australian Ambassador, Dr. Helena Studdert and the Speaker of the Parliament of Serbia, Mr Nebojsa Stefanovic opened an exhibition of Aboriginal art *Treasures of the Spirit* on Monday 28 October in the Parliament of Serbia.

Dr Studdert said that in hosting Australia in Parliament we were seeking to further strengthen links between our two countries at the parliamentary level. She also advised that the embassy was pleased to sponsor training in combating domestic violence for members of the Women's Parliamentary Network in the next few months. The Embassy was also seeking to launch a pilot internship in 2014 that will bring young Australians of Serbian background to Belgrade for work experience, including hopefully in parliamentary offices.

The Embassy of Australia has sponsored several projects over recent years to share knowledge and experience with Serbia in the fields of cultural industries, anti- corruption, anti-discrimination legislation, gender and equality issues and cyber safety educational resources for young people.

As part of the parliamentary outreach, the Ambassador also addressed the Commission for Monitoring the Execution of the Nation Action Plan for the implementation of the UNSC R1325 –women, peace and security.

The promotion and exhibition was organised in consultation with the Speaker's office and the Serbian parliamentary friendship group for Australia.

