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DEATH OF SIR PETER HEYDON

Tribute by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

Sir Peter Heydon was one of the best-liked and respected public servants in Canberra.

His untimely death is a tragic loss to Australia.

I have known and valued his friendship for many years. His death came as a great shock to me.

An outstanding Australian who spent a lifetime in service to this nation, Sir Peter Heydon had a long and very distinguished career with the Department of External Affairs both overseas and in Australia. He often acted as Head of that Department. He became Permanent Head of the Department of Immigration in 1961.

He was a warm and human person and he was an international authority on immigration.

My wife and I extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

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