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RETIREMENT OF SIR ALLEN BROWN
Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr William McMahon

Sir Allen Brown, CBE, a former Ambassador to Japan and, earlier, Permanent Head of the Prime Minister's Department and Secretary to Cabinet, will retire from the Commonwealth Service with effect from 30 September 1971.

Sir Allen has had a distinguished career with the Commonwealth Service, holding a number of senior appointments and showing himself to be an outstanding public servant both in Australia and overseas.

Sir Allen's appointments as Australian representative on the Board of the British Phosphate Commissioners and Australian Commissioner on the Christmas Island Phosphate Commission are not affected by his retirement from the Commonwealth Service. He will also be completing his current work as Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and as a Member of the Defence Legal Services Committee.

CANBERRA,
26 September 1971
BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

ALLEN STANLEY BROWN

Date of Birth : 3 July 1911

Academic Qualifications : MA, LL.M, ACIA

Decorations, Honours, Awards : CBE (1953), Kt. (1956)

History : Prior to 1942 : In legal practice

1942-1944 : Executive Officer, later Assistant Director, Rationing Commission

1944-1948 : Chief Executive Officer, Department of Post-War Reconstruction

1949 : Director-General, Department of Post-War Reconstruction

1949-1958 : Secretary, Prime Minister's Department (at that time including role as Secretary to the Cabinet)

1959-1965 : Deputy High Commissioner, London

1965-1970 : Australian Ambassador to Japan

1970-1971 : Chairman, Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Member of the Defence Legal Services Committee

Australian Representative on the Board of the British Phosphate Commissioners

Australian Commissioner on the Christmas Island Phosphate Commission