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RESIGNATION BY THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE

I inform the House that the Honourable Eric Robinson, Minister for Finance, has submitted his resignation from the Ministry.

I have accepted Mr Robinson's resignation with very great regret.

I shall be proposing to His Excellency the Governor General tomorrow that Mr Robinson's resignation be accepted, and that the Honourable John Howard be sworn as Minister for Finance in addition to his portfolio as Treasurer.

I shall give consideration in due course to a permanent appointment of Minister for Finance.

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