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## PRIME MINISTER

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Mr John Taylor has been appointed by the Governor-General in Council as Auditor-General, commencing on 12 May 1988.

Mr Taylor has had a long and distinguished career in the Public Service beginning with the Postmaster-General's Department in 1952 and culminating in his most recent appointment as Australia's Consul-General in New York from 1984 to 1988.

Prior to his appointment in New York, Mr Taylor was Secretary to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs from 1981 to 1984, and a Commissioner of the Public Service Board from 1974 to 1981.

Mr Taylor has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Melbourne and the ANU and used his economic skills in various senior positions in the Department of Trade, the Tariff Board and the Prime Minister's Department in the period from 1960 to 1974.

His qualifications and the range of his experience make him particularly well qualified for appointment to the important post of Auditor-General.

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