

PUBLIC SERVICE RECRUITMENT

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies, announced today that amendments to the Public Service Act passed by Parliament in December, 1960 come into force today 11th May, 1961.

The alterations arose from the Government's consideration of the recommendations of the Boyer Committee and the Prime Minister again acknowledged the valuable work done by the Committee in its comprehensive and constructive review of recruitment problems in the Commonwealth Service.

Amendments to the Act now being brought into operation maintain the structure of the original Public Service Act, but in the light of current conditions place greater emphasis on qualifications required for appointment, give greater flexibility in recruitment procedures, and remove certain provisions experience has shown to be defective. Notable in the changes is the establishment of the Leaving Certificate as the firm minimum standard for entry to the Third Division of the Service.

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