

The list of Ministers, some of whom will be sworn in this afternoon, is as follows --

*PRIME MINISTER	Rt. Hon. R.G. MENZIES, C.H., Q.C., M.P.
*MINISTER FOR TRADE	Rt. Hon. J. McEwen, M.P.
*TREASURER	Rt. Hon. H.E. Holt, M.P.
*VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, and MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Senator the Hon. J.H. Spooner, M.H.
*MINISTER FOR DEFENCE	Hon. A.G. Townley, M.P.
*MINISTER FOR TERRITORIES	Hon. Paul Hasluck, M.P.
*MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE	Hon. W. McMahon, M.P.
*MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION	Senator the Hon. Shane Paltridge
* POSTMASTER-GENERAL	Hon. C.W. Davidson, O.B.E., M.P.
* MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION	Hon. A.R. Downer, M.P.
* MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS and ATTORNEY-GENERAL	Hon. Sir Garfield Barwick, Q.C., M.P.
* MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRY	Hon. C.F. Adermann, M.P.
MINISTER FOR THE ARMY	Hon. J.O. Cramer, M.P.
MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES	Hon. H.S. Robertson, M.P.
MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE	Senator the Hon. N.H.D. Henty
MINISTER FOR THE INTERIOR and MINISTER FOR WORKS and Minister assisting the ATTORNEY-GENERAL	Hon. Gordon Freeth, M.P.
MINISTER FOR THE NAVY and Minister assisting the Minister for EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	Senator the Hon. J.G. Gorton
MINISTER FOR SHIPPING & TRANSPORT	Hon. Hubert Opperman, O.B.E., M.P.
MINISTER FOR HEALTH	Senator the Hon. Harrie Wade
MINISTER FOR SUPPLY	Hon. Allen Fairhall, M.P.
MINISTER FOR AIR and Minister assisting the TREASURER	Hon. L.H.E. Bury, M.P.
MINISTER FOR REPATRIATION	Hon. R.W.C. Swartz, M.B.E., E.D., M.P.

The Chief Government Whip will be appointed later.

I propose to appoint a small Cabinet Committee of senior Ministers, including the Treasurer, to work on the formulation of economic policy. It will conduct discussions with representatives of industry in its various aspects, and will put itself in a position to report to and advise Cabinet upon any proposed economic measures.

The first twelve ministers named will constitute the Cabinet.

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\* Ministers in Cabinet