RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON

Statement by the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies)

Sir Eric Harrison, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., has been re-appointed as Australian High Commissioner in Britain for a further term until 25th October, 1962. Sir Eric was appointed as High Commissioner on 25th October, 1956, for a period of five years. The current extension will therefore increase the term of appointment to six years.

Sir Eric agreed in 1961, in view of the approaching general election in Australia, to remain in office for some months beyond the time of expiry of his appointment. He has now agreed at the request of the Government to an extension of a full twelve months.

I am grateful to Sir Aric for his agreement to serve the Government for this further period.

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1st February, 0962.