

MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

Parliament has now gone into recess until October to enable Ministers and senior members of the Opposition to take part in important discussions overseas on the proposed British entry into the European Economic Community.

I regret that Mr. Calwell is not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to make the journey overseas at this time.

I have made Ministerial arrangements to meet the situation during the recess when other senior Ministers and I will be absent from Australia. Both Mr. McEwen and Mr. Holt will accompany me to the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London where the proposed British entry into the Common Market will be the principal matter for discussion. Mr. Holt will go on to the meetings of the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank and the International Finance Corporation in Washington.

In addition to these meetings the General Assembly of the United Nations will open in New York in mid-September and Sir Garfield Barwick will lead the Australian delegation.

While these Ministers are away from Australia and the Parliament is not sitting, the following acting arrangements will apply :-

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| Senator Spooner | - | as Acting Prime Minister |
| Senator Henty | - | as Acting Minister for Trade |
| Senator Paltridge | - | as Acting Treasurer |
| Senator Gorton | - | as Acting Minister for External Affairs |
| Mr. Freeth | - | as Acting Attorney-General. |

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