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APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES OF THE
HIGH COURT AS PRIVY COUNCILLORS

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

I am delighted to learn that Her Majesty The Queen has conferred Privy Councillorships on the Judges of the High Court of Australia.

The practice in Great Britain is to confer Privy Councillorships on Judges on their appointment to the Court of Appeal. I have long thought, having regard to the very high standing of the High Court in Australia, that the same rules should apply here. I had the opportunity of discussing this possibility during the Prime Ministers' Conference in London in September and I was very pleased to give it my wholehearted support.

It has not been decided to what extent the Judges will assist the Judicial Committee. This is a matter for arrangement between the Lord Chancellor and the Chief Justice.

CANBERRA,

21st December, 1962.