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DEATH OF MR. E. J. WARD

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir
Robert Menzies

The death of Mr. Ward removes from Parliament a man who had won the honour of Cabinet office under two Labour Prime Ministers. He and I were at the opposite poles politically, but I would like to pay a tribute to his incessant industry and his strong devotion to the beliefs which he held. The electors of East Sydney returned him almost continuously for more than thirty years as a strong advocate of their interests and their political faith. He was undoubtedly one of the lively personalities in the Parliament. I extend my sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

CANBERRA,

31st ^{July} ~~August~~, 1963.