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LORD CASEY'S APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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

This appointment gives us great delight and satisfaction. I am certain that the people of Australia will welcome it warmly. I know that Her Majesty The Queen has most readily and happily agreed that a distinguished Australian might be her representative in Australia, and in approving this appointment, she has expressed her particular pleasure concerning it.

As is well known, Lord Casey has, over many years, given most excellent service to Australia in many public fields, and to the Commonwealth also. His name stands very high - within Australia and overseas.

It is a matter of great pleasure, officially and personally, to me and my colleagues that this new honour, and this new high field of service, which he will perform with great distinction, will now be his. We send, as all Australians will send, sincere congratulations to Lord and Lady Casey.

No time has yet been fixed for Lord Casey to take up office, though it is likely to be within a period of two months. It will depend on arrangements still to be made with Lord Casey and, of course, with His Excellency the Administrator, Sir Henry Abel Smith, who will continue in office until Lord Casey is sworn in. It will be appropriate for me to refer at a later time to the work of Sir Henry Abel Smith, but I mention at this stage that the Government most greatly appreciates his service to the Commonwealth of Australia.

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