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COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

Sir Leslie Melville, K.B.E. and Mr. H.J. Goodes, C.B.E., will become members of the Commonwealth Grants Commission for a period of three years to 30th September, 1968.

They will replace Sir Alexander Reid, C.M.G., I.S.O. and Professor Wilfred Prest.

Sir Leslie Melville's appointment is from 1st October, 1965 and Mr. Goodes' term of appointment will begin on 6th November, following his retirement from his present position as Director-General of Social Services.

The retirements of Professor Prest and Sir Alexander will terminate long and valuable associations with the affairs of the Grants Commission. Both members have served four terms with the Commission and both have made considerable contributions to its work. In no small way, they have assisted in maintaining the high confidence which the Commission enjoys with Commonwealth and State authorities alike.

The Government is pleased that Sir Leslie Melville and Mr. Goodes have agreed to accept invitations to fill the vacancies left by the retirements.

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CANBERRA,

30th September, 1965.

(Biographical notes on Sir Leslie Melville and Mr. Goodes are attached)

Biographical NotesSir Leslie Melville

Sir Leslie Melville, K.B.E., is 63 years of age. He has had a distinguished academic career and has occupied many high positions in Government service. He was Public Actuary of South Australia, 1924-1928; Professor of Economics in the University of Adelaide, 1929-1931; Economic Adviser to the Commonwealth Bank, 1931-1950; Member of Advisory Committee on Financial and Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury, 1939; Executive Director, representing Australia and South Africa, International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1950-1953; Assistant Governor, Commonwealth Bank, 1950-1953; Member of Reserve Bank Board, 1959-1963; Vice-Chancellor, Australian National University, 1953-1960; and Chairman of Tariff Board, 1960-1963. From 1963 until recently, he occupied a senior position with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Shortly after returning to Australia he was reappointed as a member of the Reserve Bank Board.

Mr. H. J. Goodes

Mr. H. J. Goodes will reach 65 later this year and will retire from his present position of Director-General of Social Services. Before joining the Commonwealth Public Service, Mr. Goodes lives in Western Australia where he occupied senior positions in the State Public Service. He was an Assistant Secretary in the Commonwealth Treasury from 1942 to 1957, First Assistant Secretary, 1957-58, and Co-ordinator-General of Works 1954-1958. In 1958 he was appointed to the position of Director-General of Social Services. In addition, he has served on boards of a number of statutory bodies, i.e. Executive of the C.S.I.R.O., Council of the Australian National University and the Commonwealth Scholarship Board.

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