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THE MINISTRY

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

The Ministry will be sworn tomorrow. With the authority of His Excellency the Governor-General, I release the following details about the new Cabinet and Ministry.

The Ministers of State Act limits the total number of Ministers to 25. I propose to ask Parliament when it meets to amend the Act, so as to permit the appointment of one additional Minister. When this has been done, the full list and portfolios of Ministers will be as follows :-

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| 1. Prime Minister | THE RT. HON. H. E. HOLT, MP. |
| 2. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry | THE RT. HON. J. McEWEN, MP. |
| 3. Treasurer | THE RT. HON. W. McMAHON, MP |
| 4. Minister for External Affairs | THE RT. HON. PAUL HASLUCK, MP. |
| 5. Minister for Defence | THE HON. ALLEN FAIRHALL, MP. |
| 6. Minister for the Interior | THE HON. J. D. ANTHONY, MP. |
| 7. Minister for Supply and Leader of the Government in the Senate | SENATOR THE HON. N. H. D. HENTY |
| 8. Minister for Primary Industry | THE RT. HON. C. F. ADERMANN, MP. |
| 9. Postmaster-General and Vice-President of the Executive Council | THE HON. A. S. HULME, MP. |
| 10. Minister for National Development | THE HON. DAVID FAIRBAIRN, DFC, MP. |
| 11. Minister for Education and Science | SENATOR THE HON. J. G. GORTON |
| 12. Minister for Labour and National Service | THE HON. L. H. E. BURY, MP. |
| 13. Minister for Shipping and Transport | THE HON. GORDON FREETH, MP. |
| 14. Minister for Territories | THE HON. C. E. BARNES, MP. |
| 15. Minister for Civil Aviation | THE HON. R. W. C. SWARTZ, MBE, ED, MP. |

16. Minister for Immigration and Leader of the House THE HON. B. M. SNEDDEN, QC, MP.
17. Minister for Health THE HON. A. J. FORBES, MC, MP.
18. Minister for Air and assisting the Treasurer THE HON. PETER HOWSON, MP
19. Minister for Customs and Excise SENATOR THE HON. KEN ANDERSON
20. Minister for Repatriation SENATOR THE HON. G. COLIN McKELLAR
21. Minister for Social Services and assisting the Minister for Trade and Industry THE HON. IAN SINCLAIR, MP.
22. Minister for Housing SENATOR THE HON. DAME ANNABELLE RANKIN, DBE.
23. Minister for the Army THE HON. MALCOLM FRASER, MP.
24. Minister for Works THE HON. C. R. KELLY, MP.
25. Attorney-General THE HON. N. H. BOWEN, MP.
26. Minister for the Navy and under the Minister for Trade and Industry Minister-in-Charge of Tourist Activities THE HON. D. L. CHIPP, MP

The first twelve Ministers named will comprise the Cabinet.

Until the Ministers of State Act has been amended, Senator Gorton will be Minister for Works as well as Minister for Education and Science. The appointment of Mr. Kelly as Minister for Works will be deferred until the Parliament passes and assent is given to the necessary amendments to the Ministers of State Act.

I have proposed that tomorrow Mr. Kelly be sworn as Executive Councillor.

CANBERRA,
13th December, 1966.