

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

Statement by the Prime Minister,
The Rt. Hon. J.G. Gorton, M.P.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. J.G. Gorton, M.P., announced tonight that the Government had appointed Mr. A.B. McFarlane, C.B.E., D.F.C., as a Commissioner of the Public Service Board. Mr. McFarlane, Secretary, Department of Air, for the last twelve years, succeeds Mr. K.E. Grainger, C.B.E., who retired on 21st March on reaching the age of 65.

Mr. Gorton said that Mr. McFarlane, a law graduate of the University of Melbourne, joined the Commonwealth Public Service in 1948 after serving throughout the War period in the R.A.A.F. He had command of No. 2 Squadron in Darwin during 1942 and achieved the rank of Group Captain in 1944. On his appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service, Mr. McFarlane joined the Department of Civil Aviation and was promoted from the position of Assistant Director-General (Air Transport Policy) to Secretary, Department of Air, in October, 1956.

The Prime Minister said that Mr. McFarlane was ideally suited for this appointment and that he would bring to it the wide range of skills and knowledge gained from his twenty years of experience in Commonwealth Departments.

Canberra.
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