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PORTRAITS OF PRIME MINISTERS



The Historic Memorials Committee has commissioned portraits of the Prime Minister and two former Prime Ministers.

Mr Gorton's portrait is being painted by Mr Russell Drysdale; Mr McEwen's by Mr W. A. Dargie; and the late Mr Holt's portrait by Mr W. E. Pidgeon.

It is expected that the portraits of Mr Gorton and Mr McEwen will be completed and considered by the Historic Memorials Committee shortly. If the Committee accepts them, they will be hung in King's Hall at Parliament House, Canberra, along with those of all other Australian Prime Ministers.

The portrait of Mr Holt will be painted from available photographs and films. It will be some time before it is ready for consideration by the Committee.

The Historic Memorials Committee comprises the Prime Minister (Chairman), the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Vice-President of the Executive Council, the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

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