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TWO DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONERS FOR LONDON

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton, today announced the appointment of two Deputy High Commissioners for Australia in Britain.

Mr. R. W. Boswell, O. B. E., Secretary to the Department of National Development, is to succeed Mr. J. L. Knott, C. B. E., who was appointed Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, in December last year.

Mr. W. B. Pritchett, at present Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, has been appointed to a new office of Deputy High Commissioner which replaces the present position of Senior External Affairs Representative in the United Kingdom.

Both Mr. Boswell and Mr. Pritchett will take up their new appointments shortly.

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Biographical Background:

Mr. Boswell has been Secretary to the Department of National Development since 1965. He was Controller of the Weapons Research Establishment in South Australia from 1958 until 1965 and from 1948 had been associated with the development and operations of the Establishment.

Mr. Pritchett joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945. His last overseas appointment was High Commissioner in Singapore from 1965 to 1967. Earlier he had served in Indonesia, Germany, India and Malaysia.
