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RE-APPOINTMENT OF SIR ALEXANDER DOWNER

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

Sir Alexander Downer, K. B. E., has been re-appointed as High Commissioner for Australia in the United Kingdom for a further term until 24 October 1971.

Sir Alexander has given distinguished service as High Commissioner since his appointment on 25 October 1964, and I am grateful that he has agreed to serve our interests in the United Kingdom for an extended period.

CANBERRA
2 June 1970

BACKGROUND

Sir Alexander Downer's initial appointment as High Commissioner was for a period of five years from 25 October 1964. He was re-appointed in 1969 for a further term until 24 October 1970.