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SENIOR PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr William McMahon

Two senior appointments in the Commonwealth Public Service were made today.

The appointments are those of Sir Frederick Wheeler as the Secretary to the Department of the Treasury, to succeed Sir Richard Randall who will retire, and Mr A. S. Cooley as Chairman of the Public Service Board in succession to Sir Frederick. Mr Cooley is at present Secretary to the Department of Supply.

Both appointments are effective from 1 November 1971. Mr Cooley's appointment is for a term of five years in accordance with the Public Service Act.

Both Sir Richard Randall and Sir Frederick Wheeler have been outstanding public servants of national and international standing.

Mr Cooley is also an outstanding public servant with lengthy experience in management in areas with a large and diverse work force.

An appointment to replace Mr Cooley will be made later.

CANBERRA,
10 September 1971

BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND:

Frederick Henry WHEELER

Date of Birth : 9 January 1914
Marital Status : Married, three children
Academic Qualifications and Experience:

- (i) Bachelor of Commerce (Melbourne)
- (ii) Part-time lecturer at Canberra University College
1940-1943 inclusive.

History:

1920-1923	Trinity Grammar School, Melbourne
1924-1929	Scotch College, Melbourne
1929-1939	State Savings Bank of Victoria
1939	Economic Assistant to the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner
1940	Research Officer, Treasury
1943	Assistant Economist, Treasury
1944	Economist, Treasury
1946	Assistant Secretary, Treasury
1949	First Assistant Secretary, Treasury
1952	Acting Secretary to the Treasury
1952	Appointed O.B.E.
1953-1960	Treasurer-Comptroller of International Labour Office, Geneva
1961	Chairman, Commonwealth Public Service Board
1962	Promoted C.B.E.
1966	Created Knight Bachelor
1969	Appointed Member of the U.N. International Civil Service Advisory Board
1970	Appointed Member of the I.L.O. Joint Committee on the Public Service

Special Positions:

1941-1947	Secretary of the Financial and Economic Committee Comprised of Giblin, Copland, Melville, Wilson, Sir Harry Brown, Coombs, Sir Daniel McVey, etc.
1947-1949	Secretary of the Investment and Employment Committee, comprised of Prime Minister and Treasurer, Minister for Post-War Reconstruction and the Permanent Heads of Treasury, Post-War Reconstruction Department, etc.

- 1947-1949 Chairman of the Working Committee of the Investment and Employment Committee.
- 1948-1951 Treasury Observer at Commonwealth Bank Advisory Council
- 1952 Served on Commonwealth Bank Board as Acting Secretary to Treasury

Overseas Experience :

- 1944 Treasury member of delegation led by Melville to British Commonwealth Conference in London on Art. VII of the Mutual Aid Agreement.
- 1944 Treasury member of delegation led by Melville to the International Monetary Conference, Bretton Woods, U.S.A.
- 1948 Treasury member of delegation led by Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) to Economic and Financial discussions, London, July 1948.
- 1948 Treasury member of delegation led by Minister for External Affairs (Dr. Evatt) to British Commonwealth Conference of Prime Ministers, in London, October 1948.
- 1949 Treasury member of delegation led by Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) to British Commonwealth Conference of Prime Ministers, London, April 1949.
- 1949 Treasury member of delegation led by Minister for Post-War Reconstruction (Mr. Deedman) to British Commonwealth Conference of Finance Ministers in London, July 1949.
- 1949 Leader of official delegation to New Zealand for General Economic and Trade talks, November 1949.
- 1950 Treasury member of delegation led by Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Spender) to British Commonwealth Conference, Colombo, January 1950.
- 1950 Treasury member of delegation led by Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) to United Kingdom and United States of America.
- 1950 Leader of official delegation to negotiate details of first contract with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- 1953 to 1960 Treasurer-Comptroller of International Labour Office, Geneva.
- 1969 Attended meeting in New York of International Civil Service Advisory Board
- 1970 Attended meeting in Geneva of International Civil Service Advisory Board
- 1971 Attended meeting in Vienna of International Civil Service Advisory Board.
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Alan Sydenham COOLEY

SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

Date of Birth : 17 September 1920
Academic Qualifications : B.Eng.Sc., A.M.I.E. Aust.
Decorations, Honours, Awards : Nil

Experience

1939 Clerk, Third Division, Department of Supply
1940-1943 Cadet Engineer, Department of Supply
1943 Engineer, Grade I, Department of Supply
1949 Engineer, Grade 3, Department of Supply
1950-1952 Engineering Representative, Department of Supply,
London
1953 Head of Section, Ordnance Factory, Bendigo
1953-1955 Manager, Echuca Ball Bearing Factory
1956-1957 Engineering Representative, Department of Supply,
Washington
1958-1960 Manager, Small Arms Factory, Lithgow
1961-1962 First Assistant Secretary, Management Services,
Department of Supply
1962-1966 Controller-General of Munitions, Department of
Supply, Melbourne
1966 Appointed, Secretary, Department of Supply.
