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TRIBUTE TO SIR KENNETH BAILEY

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. William
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Sir Kenneth Bailey came to the service of the Commonwealth Government after distinguished academic and administrative service at the University of Melbourne.

He held high office in the Commonwealth Service for more than twenty-five years. In particular, he was Commonwealth Solicitor-General and Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department between the years 1946 to 1964. In these two offices, he was principal law adviser to successive Attorneys-General and Prime Ministers and to governments generally. He occupied these posts with great professional and personal distinction.

After 1964, he was for five years Australian High Commissioner in Canada and since 1970, special adviser on international law to the Attorney-General's and Foreign Affairs Departments.

He represented Australia at many major conferences. His renown extends widely abroad.

Sir Kenneth Bailey was a man of outstanding scholarship and industry. He had great humanity.

He was a personal friend of mine and on all occasions a charming and pleasant companion. He was a great Australian and a great civil servant.

I extend to Lady Bailey and his family my own and the Government's deepest sympathy.

CANBERRA,

3 May, 1972.