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HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIGERIA

The Minister of State and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Willesee, announced today the appointment of Mr W.H. Bray as Australian High Commissioner in Nigeria to succeed Mr P.N. Hutton. It is expected that Mr Bray will take up his appointment in May. This will be his first appointment as Head of Mission.

Mr Bray was born in South Australia in 1921 and was educated at Gawler High School and the University of Adelaide where he obtained his degree of LIB. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1939 and after war service rejoined in 1944. He has served in Chungking, Bangkok and New York (where he was Acting Consul-General in 1960-61). Mr Bray has had wide experience in the legal field having represented Australia at the United Nations General Assembly and at several international conferences. He has worked for the past seven years on legal and treaties questions in the Department and is currently Head of the General Legal, Antarctic and Treaties Section.

Mr Bray is married with two children.