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FOREIGN AFFAIRS APPOINTMENTS

The Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Lance Bernard, announced today a number of senior diplomatic appointments.

Mr J.C. Ingram, currently Ambassador to the Philippines, has been appointed High Commissioner for Australia in Canada.

Mr P.G. Henderson has been appointed Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, his first appointment as Head of Mission.

Mr F.B. Hall, at present Australian Ambassador to Greece, has been accredited as non-resident High Commissioner to Cyprus.

Mr Ingram was born in 1928 and educated at De La Salle College and the University of Melbourne. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1946 and has served in Tel Aviv, Washington, Brussels, Jakarta and at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations New York. He has been Australian Ambassador to the Philippines since July 1970. Mr Ingram is married with three children.

Mr Henderson was born in 1928 and educated at Geelong Church of England Grammar School and the University of Oxford. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1951 and has served in Washington, Jakarta, Geneva and London. He is at present Assistant Secretary in charge of the Southern Asia Branch of the Department in Canberra. Mr Henderson is married and has four children.

Mr Hall has served in Chungking and Nanking, Singapore, New Delhi, Wellington, Kuala Lumpur, and as Australian Ambassador to Iran from 1968 to 1972. He has been Australian Ambassador to Greece since September 1972. Mr Hall will be resident in Athens but will visit Cyprus from time to time.

Mr Barnard said that the appointment of Mr Hall as High Commissioner to Cyprus marked the formal establishment of diplomatic relations with that country at Ambassadorial level. He pointed to this development as evidence of the Australian Government's intention to further strengthen its ties with Cyprus.