



PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF MR. D.L. LINEHAN AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The Prime Minister (Mr E.G. Whitlam) today announced the appointment of Mr D.L. Linehan to succeed Mr A.B. McFarlane as a Commissioner of the Public Service Board.

Mr Linehan, aged 46, is an ex-serviceman, an Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants and a Member of the Industrial Relations Society.

Mr Linehan, who joined the Public Service in 1945, is on leave from the Taxation Office while Federal Secretary of the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association which has more than 40,000 members in the Public Service. He has held that position since 1968 and has been President of the Council of Commonwealth Public Service Organisations (members of whose affiliates total about 140,000) since 1969. Mr Linehan has been Deputy Chairman of the Joint Council - an employer/employee body which advises the Public Service Board on general conditions of employment - since 1967 and has also served as Contributors' Representative on the Superannuation Board.

Mr Linehan has long and wide practical experience in industrial relations in the Public Service. His understanding of union and public service affairs has attracted the respect of both employees and management.

Mr Linehan's appointment is for a period of five years commencing on 1 June 1973.