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PRIME MINISTER

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INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

The Prime Minister announced today that Cabinet had agreed to recommend at the appropriate time to the Executive Council that Mr G.A. Rattigan, C.B.E. be appointed as Chairman of the Industries Assistance Commission.

The drafting of legislation to establish the Commission is proceeding as a matter of urgency and will be considered by Ministers as soon as possible. Mr Rattigan will assist in the drafting of the legislation.

Mr Rattigan has been Chairman of the Australian Tariff Board since 1963. Before that time he had been Comptroller-General of the Department of Customs and Excise and had held a number of senior positions in the Department of Trade.

The Industries Assistance Commission stems from the Labor Party platform and from the undertaking made by the Government in the Governor-General's speech on 27 February 1973 to establish a Commission to advise on assistance for both primary and secondary industries. Sir John Crawford was asked by the Prime Minister on 1 March 1973 to report on the establishment of the Commission and that report was received by the Government on 19 June and made public on 26 June.

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