



PRIME MINISTER

THE MINISTRY

After calling on the Governor-General, who returned to Canberra today, the Prime Minister announced that the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr J.F. Cairns, had agreed to become Treasurer and Mr Frank Crean to become Minister for Overseas Trade.

Because of the legislation before Parliament for which they were responsible, the ministers would be sworn into their new portfolios at the end of the present session.

The announcement was being made at the present time because the Governor-General felt that this was the appropriate course in all the circumstances.

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