



PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN, FINLAND AND NORWAY

The Prime Minister and Acting Foreign Minister, Mr Whitlam, today announced the appointment of the Hon. Lance H. Barnard as Australian Ambassador to Sweden, Finland and Norway.

Mr Barnard is to take up his appointment in Stockholm in September. He will succeed Mr J.D. Petherbridge, who has been Ambassador in Stockholm since 1972, and who is to proceed to another post. Mr Barnard will reside in Stockholm and will make regular visits to Finland and Norway.

Mr Whitlam said that, in announcing the appointment, he paid high tribute to Mr Barnard's former career as a Parliamentarian and a Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in the Labor Government.

"He will carry to his new appointment a distinction that reflects the importance Australia attaches to its relations with the Scandinavian countries," Mr Whitlam said.

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