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PRIME MINISTER

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SIR COLIN HANNAH - REVOCATION OF DORMANT COMMISSION

Her Majesty The Queen, on the advice of the Prime Minister has revoked the Dormant Commission issued on 30 April 1974 to Sir Colin Hannah, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., K.St.J., Governor of Queensland, to administer the Government of Australia in the event of the death, incapacity, removal or absence out of Australia of the Governor-General.

Background Note

Dormant Commissions are issued by The Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia and require the person holding the Commission when requested to do so by the Governor-General or the Prime Minister to administer the Government of Australia in the event of the death, incapacity, removal or absence out of Australia of the Governor-General. Such a Dormant Commission obviates the need for a specific commission to be issued on every occasion where an absence, etc, of the Governor-General arises.

The present practice is to issue Dormant Commissions to some State Governors and to call upon the Senior Governor holding a Commission to be Administrator in the event of the absence, etc, of the Governor-General.

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