



# PRIME MINISTER

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## STANDING COMMITTEES OF CABINET

The Prime Minister said today that six Standing Committees of Cabinet have been set up to streamline the Government's consideration and implementation of policy.

The Committees are -

Planning and Co-ordination Committee - to facilitate the co-ordination of the Government's medium and long term activities.

Members:

- Mr Fraser (Chairman)
- Mr Anthony
- Mr Lynch
- Mr Sinclair
- Senator Withers
- Senator Greenwood
- Senator Cotton
- Mr Street
- Mr Nixon

Economic Committee - concerned with the Budget and the economic situation including the examination of any expenditure proposals.

Members:

- Mr Fraser (Chairman)
- Mr Anthony
- Mr Lynch
- Mr Sinclair
- Senator Withers
- Senator Cotton
- Mr Street
- Mr Nixon
- Senator Carrick
- Senator Guilfoyle
- Mr Howard

General Administrative Committee - to deal with Cabinet matters not involving new major policy initiatives or of significant economic or financial consequence.

Members:

Mr Lynch (Chairman)	Mr Hunt
Senator Greenwood	Mr MacKellar
Senator Cotton	Mr Viner
Mr Street	Mr Adermann
Mr Nixon	Mr Robinson
Senator Guilfoyle	Mr McLeay
Mr Ellicott	Mr Newman
Mr Howard	Senator Webster
Mr Garland	

- Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee - to deal with matters concerned with international relations and defence.

Members: Mr Fraser (Chairman)  
 Mr Anthony  
 Mr Lynch  
 Mr Sinclair  
 Senator Cotton  
 Mr Peacock  
 Mr Killen  
 Mr MacKellar

- Machinery of Government Committee - to examine proposals arising from current inquiries into Government Administration and also to look at procedures for senior appointments to the Public Service and Statutory and Non-Statutory Government Authorities.

Members: Mr Fraser (Chairman)  
 Senator Withers  
 Senator Cotton  
 Mr Street  
 Mr Nixon  
 Senator Guilfoyle  
 Mr Ellicott  
 Mr Garland

- Legislation Committee - to examine all Bills before they are presented to Parliament and to determine the Parliamentary Programme.

Members: Mr Sinclair (Chairman)  
 Senator Withers  
 Senator Greenwood  
 Mr Nixon  
 Mr Ellicott  
 Mr Howard  
 Senator Webster

The Prime Minister said that there would be regular meeting times for Cabinet and Cabinet Committees and Submissions would come forward on an orderly basis, ensuring that there is adequate time for consideration of all the issues.

Ad Hoc Committees of the Cabinet would be established from time to time to deal with particular issues that might arise but for which there is not a continuing involvement for Ministers.

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Standing and Ad Hoc Committees of the Cabinet  
will be supported by officials.