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COOMBS REPORT RECEIVED

The report of the Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration has been transmitted to His Excellency the Governor-General and received by the Government. The report will be released as soon as a supply of printed copies is available.

The Royal Commission, chaired by Dr H.C. Coombs, has made a comprehensive review of the working of the Commonwealth administration and has submitted a wide ranging set of recommendations.

The Royal Commission, which was appointed in June 1974, was the first comprehensive inquiry into the Federal Public Service for more than fifty years. The Government will study carefully and give thorough consideration to over 300 recommendations made by the Royal Commission on the principles for more efficient administration.

I pay tribute to the dedication of the five Commissioners - Dr Coombs, Mr P.H. Bailey, O.B.E., Professor Enid Campbell, Mr Deputy President Isaac and Mr P. Munro - to their task.

The Government is grateful for their contribution to such an important field of study.