



**PRIME MINISTER**

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The Prime Minister announced today that it was Her Majesty The Queen's intention to appoint an Australian, Mr. John Dauth, to be Assistant Press Secretary at Buckingham Palace for a period of two years.

For some years now, Her Majesty has appointed officers from various Commonwealth countries to her personal staff for periods of secondment. Mr. Dauth's appointment is in line with this policy and he will be replacing the present Canadian officer whose term has been completed.

Mr. Dauth, who is single, is an officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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JOHN CECIL DAUTH

Born Brisbane 9 April 1947

Educated Gosford High School and University of Sydney, B.A. (Hons)

Appointed to the Commonwealth Public Service 21 January 1969, as External Affairs Officer, Class 1.

Subsequently served in the Public Information Office, Department of External Affairs; as Third, later Second Secretary in the Australian High Commission, Lagos (June 1970-July 1972); in the Information Co-ordination Section, Post Liaison Unit and East Europe Section, Department of Foreign Affairs 1972-74; and, from November 1974 until December 1976, as First Secretary in the Australian Embassy in Islamabad.

Current substantive rank: Foreign Affairs Officer Class 3.

Mr. Dauth is single.

NOTE:

In 1959 another Australian, Mr. William Heseltine, was appointed to the Palace staff as part of this programme. After Mr. Heseltine had completed his term of secondment he returned to London to take up a permanent position on the Palace staff.