

PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN

Mr. Kevin Michael Crotty, of Canberra, has been appointed Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman for a five year term. The Office of Deputy Ombudsman is a full time statutory position.

Mr. Crotty holds a first class honours degree in Law from the Australian National University and has been admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

He is a First Assistant Secretary in the Attorney-General's Department, Canberra, and is 49 years old. He previously held positions in the Department of Social Security and the Public Service Board.

The appointment of Mr. Crotty further strengthens the resources available to the recently established office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman.