



# PRIME MINISTER

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## SENIOR PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

The Prime Minister this afternoon announced that the Governor-General in Council had approved a number of senior appointments in the Australian Public Service, following the swearing-in this morning of the new Ministry.

Mr D.H. McKay, O.B.E., who was Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade prior to its abolition, will become Secretary Designate in the Department of Primary Industry. Mr W. Ives, C.B.E., will remain as Permanent Head of that Department for a period to attend to existing commitments. Mr McKay is a former Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Primary Industry and has wide experience in primary industry matters.

Mr J. Scully, who was Secretary to the Department of National Resources prior to its abolition, has been appointed Secretary to the newly created Department of Trade and Resources. Mr Scully has also been appointed as Secretary to the Department of the Special Trade Representative. Prior to his appointment to the position of Secretary to the then Department of Minerals and Energy in August 1975, Mr Scully was a Deputy Secretary in the then Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr A.J. Woods has been appointed as Secretary to the newly created Department of National Development. Before his promotion earlier this year as a Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Mr Woods was a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Industry and Commerce.

The Government has yet to complete the selection processes for appointment of a Permanent Head for the newly created Department of Home Affairs. A number of functions have been transferred to the Department of Home Affairs from the Department of Administrative Services and Mr A.R. Palmer, Deputy Secretary in the Department of Administrative Services, has been named as Acting Secretary to the Department of Home Affairs until a Permanent Head is chosen.

The appointments of Messrs. McKay, Scully, Woods and Palmer are effective from today.

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