

PRIME MINISTER

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PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr Darcy Tronson has been appointed as Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister. Mr Tronson, 32, will take up the post early in December.

Mr Tronson graduated in law, and is currently assistant to the Federal Director of the Liberal Party, Mr Tony Eggleton.

He will succeed Mr Dale Budd, O.B.E., who after more than 3 years as Mr Fraser's Principal Private Secretary is resuming a career as a management consultant.

As Principal Private Secretary, Mr Tronson will take over responsibility for managing and co-ordinating the work of the Prime Minister's office.

The Prime Minister said he wished to pay tribute to the high calibre of Mr Budd's work as a senior member of his private staff, both in Opposition and in Government.