



PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, announced today the appointment of Permanent Heads of the Department of Finance, Industrial Relations and Employment and Youth Affairs.

Mr Ian Castles has been appointed Secretary, Department of Finance, to replace Mr R.W. Cole, recently appointed Chairman of the Public Service Board. Mr Castles was formerly Under Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr M.B. Keogh has been appointed Secretary, Department of Industrial Relations. Mr Keogh was appointed Acting Secretary on the creation of the Department. He was formerly First Assistant Secretary and Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Mr R.M. Taylor has been appointed Secretary, Department of Employment and Youth Affairs. Mr Taylor was formerly Deputy Secretary, Department of Transport and Commissioner of the Australian Shipping Commission.

BACKGROUND

Mr Castles before being appointed Under Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was a Deputy Secretary of the Department and First Assistant Secretary in charge of the Economic Division. Prior to that he had been an officer of the Department of the Treasury for some fifteen years including a period as Senior Treasury Representative in London. Mr Castles is 43 years of age. He will take up his appointment on 2 January 1979.

Mr Mick Keogh joined the Public Service in 1953 in the Department of Labour and National Service, which later became the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Mr Keogh is currently Acting Secretary of the newly created Department of Industrial Relations and his appointment as Secretary is effective immediately. Mr Keogh is 44 years of age.

Mr Rae Taylor joined the Bureau of Statistics in 1956 and subsequently served in the Department of Primary Industry, Trade and Industry, Territories and Housing. He was appointed to the Department of Shipping and Transport in 1969, became First Assistant Secretary in 1973 and Deputy Secretary in 1975. He was also a member of the Ship Building Board. Mr Taylor is aged 43. His appointment is effective immediately.