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MIGRANT SETTLEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Prime Minister today announced the composition of an eight-member Migrant Settlement Council for the Northern Territory.

The Council is one of eight to be established - one for each State and Territory - to supervise development of an initial settlement programme for newly-arrived migrants.

Its formation is a further step in implementing the \$50 million package recommended by the Galbally Report for upgrading migrant services and programmes over the next three years.

"The composition of the Northern Territory Council reflects the many facets of community concern with migrant welfare: Federal, State and Territorial Governments, non-Government organisations and ethnic communities", Mr. Fraser said.

"The Settlement Councils will be concerned with implementing programmes that meet local needs and it is essential, therefore, that members have the support of the wider Australian community.

"I am certain that the calibre of the people who have been chosen to serve on the Northern Territory Council will attract and justify that support".

Mr. Fraser said an important aspect of the work of the Councils would be to engage the voluntary sector which played such an important role in Australian welfare services. The Galbally Report points out, it is most important that the voluntary sector, including ethnic groups, should establish links with incoming migrants as soon as possible.

The membership of the Northern Territory Council is:

Dr. K. Moo (Chairman) - an eye specialist at Darwin Hospital who is well known throughout the Northern Territory and has an inside knowledge of the Northern Territory;

Mr. E.A. Floreani - an accountant, Secretary of the Verdi Club, Alice Springs;

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- Miss R. Ruzic - a teacher at the Casuarina High School who has established a course for interpreters and translators;
- Mr. D. Conway - retired from the Northern Territory Public Service and now Executive Director of the Red Cross Society;
- Mr. L. Liveris - Regional Director, Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs;
- Mr. B. Alcorn - Director, Community Welfare Division, Department of Community Development;
- Mr. R. Nelson - Acting Assistant Director, Ethnic Affairs Branch, Department of Community Development.

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