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HIGH COURT JUSTICE APPOINTED TO PRIVY COUNCIL

The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, announced today that Sir Ninian Stephen, K.B.E., a Justice of the High Court of Australia, had been appointed as a member of the Privy Council by the Queen. The appointment of Sir Ninian follows similar appointments of the Chief Justice, Sir Garfield Barwick, in 1964 and Sir Harry Gibbs in 1972.

The appointment follows the decision announced at the conclusion of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in 1962, to recommend the appointment of judges from the Commonwealth who would then become available to sit on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Mr Fraser's announcement was made at the same time as a similar announcement by the British Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, in London.

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