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MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE HON. WAL FIFE, M.P.,
MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER IN FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Appointment of Mr Ernest S. Evers, O.B.E.,
as Associate Member, Commonwealth Grants Commission

The Hon. Wal Fife, M.P., Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal Affairs today announced the appointment of Mr Ernest S. Evers, O.B.E., as Associate Member of the Commonwealth Grants Commission from 1 October 1979 to 30 June 1981.

Mr Fife said that Mr Evers' appointment was to one of the two part-time offices of Associate Member nominated by the Premiers of Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania to assist in the inquiry being undertaken by the Commonwealth Grants Commission into State relativities referred to in section 13(4) of the States (Personal Income Sharing) Act. The inquiry began earlier this year and the Commission is bound to report before 30 June 1981.

Mr Evers has held numerous posts in banking and industry including Adviser to the Reserve Bank of Australia, Chairman of the Housing Loans Insurance Corporation, London Manager of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Manager of the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia. He is Director of Australia Netherlands Holdings Ltd and of Lead Industries (Aust.) Pty Ltd and Chairman of Conit Consulting (Aust.) Pty Ltd.

Mr Fife said that Mr Evers would be bringing wide experience to the work of the Commission.