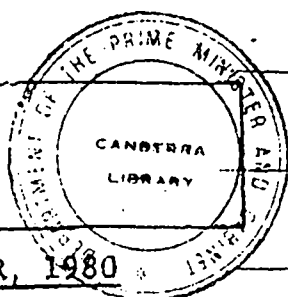




**PRIME MINISTER**



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MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1980

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY COMMONWEALTH OMBUDSMAN

Mr. Alan Gardner Kerr, of Canberra, has been appointed Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman for a four year term. The Office of Deputy Ombudsman is a full time statutory position.

Mr. Kerr holds a degree in Law from the Australian National University and has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

He is a First Assistant Secretary in the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, Canberra, and is 44 years old. He previously held positions in the Departments of External Territories, Interior, External Affairs and the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The appointment was made on Wednesday, 17 September, 1980.