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APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PERMANENT HEADS TO NEW DEPARTMENTS

The administrative changes I have announced will require changes in Permanent Heads appointments, either because new departments are being created or because there are substantial changes in the functions of existing departments. Until the provisions of the Public Service Act relating to the appointment of Permanent Heads can be properly complied with - which I would expect would be in a week or so - the following acting appointments will be made:

- . Mr Currie will be Acting Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce and Acting Comptroller-General of Customs
- . Mr Halton will be Acting Secretary, Department of Transport and Construction and Acting Director-General of Works
- . Mr Freeland will be Acting Secretary, Department of Aviation
- . Mr Taylor will be Acting Secretary, Department of Defence Support
- . Mr Codd will be Acting Secretary, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Mr Hayes, Secretary of the former Department of Business and Consumer Affairs will, for the time being, undertake special duties.