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PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT HEADS TO NEW DEPARTMENTS

When I announced on 7 May 1982 the Ministry and departmental changes I also announced the appointments of Acting Permanent Heads in the five new departments. I said the Permanent Head appointments to the new departments had to wait on certain processes required by the Public Service Act.

Those processes have now been completed, and I have the Governor General's agreement to the announcement of the following appointments:-

- . Mr M H Codd - Secretary, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations
- . Mr C W M Freeland - Secretary, Department of Aviation
- . Mr C C Halton - Secretary, Department of Defence Support
- . Mr T P Hayes - Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce and Comptroller-General of Customs
- . Mr R M Taylor - Secretary, Department of Transport and Construction and Director-General of Works

Mr N S Currie, who was prior to 7 May Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce and who has been, since then, Acting Secretary of that Department and Acting Comptroller-General of Customs, has indicated that he wishes to take another Government appointment. An announcement concerning that appointment will be made in the near future.

Each of the newly appointed Permanent Heads has had a distinguished career in the public service.

Mr Codd was Secretary, Department of Industrial Relations, before 7 May and since has been Acting Secretary, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Before his appointment to Industrial Relations Mr Codd was Under-Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Mr Freeland prior to 7 May was Secretary, Department of Housing and Construction and since has been Acting Secretary, Department of Aviation. Prior to becoming a Permanent Head Mr Freeland was a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Transport.

Mr Halton prior to 7 May was Secretary, Department of Transport, a position he had held since 1973.

Mr Hayes prior to 7 May was the Secretary, Department of Business and Consumer Affairs and Comptroller-General of Customs. Prior to his appointment to that position Mr Hayes was a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Defence.

Mr Taylor prior to 7 May was Secretary, Department of Employment and Youth Affairs. Prior to that appointment Mr Taylor was a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Transport.

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