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PRIME MINISTER

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I successfully moved at today's Caucus meeting that the Cabinet be expanded to 15 to allow for the reinstatement of the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Mr West.

Mr West resigned from the Cabinet on 3 November 1983 on the grounds that he could not support a particular decision of the Cabinet.

I have now been given an unequivocal commitment from Mr West that he will in future observe the principle of Cabinet solidarity.

The Government welcomes the opportunity to again have the services of Mr West in the Cabinet.