



PRIME MINISTER

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Professor Jack Richardson AO has been appointed for a further term as Commonwealth Ombudsman until September 1985.

The reappointment of Professor Richardson reaffirms the Government's continuing commitment to better government administration.

As the inaugural Ombudsman, Professor Richardson has made a valuable personal contribution to ensuring that the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman is a respected and effective review mechanism.

His reappointment is a measure of the Government's commitment to this end.

Professor Richardson has served as Commonwealth Ombudsman since 1977 when the position was first created.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman was established as an independent statutory avenue to investigate complaints against the administrative actions of Commonwealth departments and authorities.

Between 1 January and 31 May this year, the Ombudsman's Office in Canberra and all capital cities have dealt with more than 8,500 written and oral complaints.

Professor Richardson was previously Robert Garran Professor of Law at the Australian National University.