



## PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

3 September 1984

The Secretary, Department of Health, Mr. L.J. Willett, is to take up appointment for a period as Director of the Merit Protection and Review Agency.

As a consequence, the Government will be recommending to the Governor-General in Council the appointment of Mr. Bernard Vincent McKay as Secretary, Department of Health, as from September 10. Mr. McKay is currently Secretary of the New South Wales Health Department. He was a former Chairman of the South Australian Health Commission, and previously held positions in the Commonwealth Department of Health.

Mr. Willett's appointment as Director of the Merit Protection and Review Agency is an interim appointment to assist with the establishment of the Agency. It is the Government's intention to recommend Mr. Willett's appointment to statutory positions on the Health Insurance Commission and the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission.

MR B.V. MCKAY - CURRICULUM VITAE

Full Name: Bernard Vincent McKay

Date and Place  
of Birth: 26 January 1940  
Numurkah, Victoria

Previous career  
details:

- . Since December 1982, Secretary and Permanent Head of the NSW Department of Health
- . 1980-82 - Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Health Commission
- . 1974-80 - Regional Director, North Coast Region, New South Wales Health Commission
- . 1972-74 - Assistant Director, Planning and Executive Services, ACT Health Services, Commonwealth Department of Health
- . 1971-72 - Director Administration, Northern Territory Health Services, Commonwealth Department of Health

Membership of  
Relevant Bodies:

Executive Member of the Standing Committee of Health Ministers and the Australian Health Council. Member of the National Health and Medical Research Council.