



## PRIME MINISTER

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Mr Freddy Argy, OBE, has been appointed Director of the Office of the Economic Planning Advisory Council.

Mr Argy has had a varied and distinguished career as an economic adviser and manager in a range of positions.

After an early career in the private sector, Mr Argy worked in the Department of Trade and the Treasury until 1968 when he spent five years in the then Department of Labour and National Service.

He then became Chief Economist of the AIDC where he worked in 1974/75, and followed that with a period as First Assistant Secretary in the Department of Housing (1975/77) and then as First Assistant Secretary in the Financial Institutions Division, Department of the Treasury (1977/79).

From 1979 to 1981, he was Secretary, Committee of Inquiry into the Australian Financial System (the Campbell Inquiry). (He was also a member of that Committee).

From 1981 to 1983, Mr Argy returned to the Treasury where he was responsible for the Resources Allocation Division dealing with taxation and industry policy, and longer term economic policy issues.

From 1983 to 1985, Mr Argy was Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD in Paris.

Since then, he has been a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Mr Argy will take up his new position on Monday, 16 June 1986.