



PRIME MINISTER

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As I indicated on 11 June 1986 in my Address to the Nation on the Economic Situation and the Supporting Statement, the Government is committed to reversing the growth trend in the Federal Public Service.

While the Government believes that a good public service is essential to the well-being of our society, it is committed to ensuring that the public service becomes increasingly more efficient.

As foreshadowed, we will be taking steps to streamline and rationalise existing functions and agencies to produce a leaner and more efficient public administration.

Accordingly, over the next few weeks, the Government will be undertaking a detailed examination of functions and staffing levels across Federal administration.

In the meantime there will be a freeze on staff numbers at their present levels.

Consistent with the Government's philosophy there will be consultations with relevant representative staff organisations as necessary.
