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**PRIME MINISTER**

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I wish to indicate that with the cooperation of my Caucus colleagues the representational outcome for the Ministry that I want will be fully achieved.

There will be three Queenlanders, three women and a Tasmanian. This will appropriately and precisely reflect the wishes I have expressed on the basis of the desirable representation of all States and women.

The Government is blessed with an abundance of talent on its enlarged backbench and it is therefore appropriate to say that opportunities will arise during the course of this Parliament for new faces to enter the Ministry. This process of change and development will be consistent with the process of restructuring that we will be engendering in the Australian economy.

I express my appreciation to the individuals and groups who have responded to my wishes on these important issues and indicate to those individuals that they will be welcome candidates to fill positions in the Ministry when such vacancies arise.

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