



## PRIME MINISTER

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11 DECEMBER 1987

The Governor-General in Council today approved the appointment of Professor Dennis Pearce as Commonwealth Ombudsman for a term of 3 years.

Professor Pearce, Professor of Law at the Australian National University, has outstanding qualifications. He has an extensive background in administrative law and is a leading Australian authority on statutory interpretation and delegated legislation. He has been adviser to a number of parliamentary committees and has represented Australia in international forums. He is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Courts of South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory and a barrister of the High Court of Australia.

Until Professor Pearce takes up his new appointment on 1 February 1988, Mr Kevin Sainsbury will continue to act as Commonwealth Ombudsman.

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