



PRIME MINISTER

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Chris Hurford's retirement from the Parliament, which he announced earlier today, comes after eighteen years of distinguished service as the Member for Adelaide.

A chartered accountant prior to his election to the Parliament in 1969, Mr Hurford served in the then Labor Opposition's Shadow Ministry from 1976 to 1983. At various times over that period Mr Hurford was Labor's spokesperson on Treasury matters; industry and commerce; trade; consumer affairs; and education.

Following the election of my Government in March 1983, Mr Hurford became Minister for Housing and Construction. In addition, I allocated to Mr Hurford the important role of Minister Assisting the Treasurer.

I appointed Mr Hurford to the Cabinet in December 1984 as Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. He took over as Minister for Community Services in February of this year when Don Grimes retired.

During his later Ministerial appointments, Mr Hurford also retained his role assisting the Treasurer.

Following the election this year Mr Hurford decided not to seek re-election to the Ministry.

I wish to place on record my great appreciation of Chris Hurford's substantial contribution to the success of the Government.

As a former senior Minister with a strong background in economic and trade policy matters, I know Mr Hurford will continue to play a valuable role for Australia in his proposed appointment as Consul-General in New York.

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