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## PRIME MINISTER

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The Governor-General appointed on Friday 17 June, Dr Robin Bell as a Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Prior to his appointment Dr Bell was the Senior Assistant Secretary in charge of the Freedom of Information Branch of the Attorney-General's Department. His doctorate is in nuclear physics but he is also legally qualified and has been admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the A.C.T. Supreme Court. Dr Bell has worked mainly in the Attorney-General's Department, but he has also worked in the Department of Social Security and the Australian Taxation Office.

Dr Bell's appointment is for four years. It is presently envisaged that he will assume responsibility among other areas, for complaints relating to the A.C.T. administration.