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Four new members have recently been appointed to the Economic Planning Advisory Council.

Last year, following a review of tripartite consultation arrangements by the Government, it was announced that the Advisory Committee on Prices and Incomes would be abolished and that EPAC would be responsible for monitoring prices and incomes policy matters as they affect Australia's growth performance. In line with its new responsibilities, it was decided that EPAC would be expanded by two members selected after consultation with organisations representative of the professions and the Australian Council of Trade Unions. Enabling legislation was passed in June 1988.

The two new members are Mr G A (Gerry) Murphy, AM, President of the Australian Council of Professions and Mr Ian Watson, Senior Research Assistant, ACTU.

Two other non-Government appointments to EPAC have recently been made following the resignations from the Council of Ms Jan Marsh and Mr Bryan Kelman, both of whom were founding members of EPAC and made strong contributions toward establishing the Council as an effective forum for economic policy consideration and community consultation. Ms Marsh has been replaced by Mr Laurie Carmichael, Assistant Secretary, ACTU, and Mr Kelman by Mr Eric Mayer, Managing-Director, National Mutual Life Association of Australasia and Chairman of the Business Council of Australia's Taxation Committee.