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PRIME MINISTER

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Mr A.K. Wrigley has today been re-appointed to the position of Director-General of ASIO.

The Government's expectation, however, is that Mr Wrigley will continue to serve in that post for a few weeks only before taking on a new appointment.

Mr Wrigley's new appointment will be as Special Adviser to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce on the development of the multifunction polis project.

This is a major exercise for the Government and for Australia working in harness with Japan to establish the potential for the development of a new complex with a high technology orientation and supported by high technology industry development.

Mr Wrigley, an engineer by training with a long period associated with the industry side of the Defence portfolio, is well qualified to help lead the advancement of this project.

I take this opportunity to record the substantial contribution Mr Wrigley has made as Director-General of Security. His leadership has been the more notable because of the need to manage over the period of his appointment the relocation of the ASIO head office to Canberra with associated major problems of dislocation and re-establishment.

Mr Wrigley's successor as Director-General of ASIO will be announced when the normal selection and appointment procedures have been completed.