



PRIME MINISTER

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Following the election of the new Ministry by Caucus at its meeting today, I am pleased to announce the full list of members of the Ministry with the portfolios which I will be recommending to the Governor-General.

The swearing in of the Ministry is scheduled for 9.30 am on Wednesday 4 April.

The number of Ministers remains at thirty, with a Cabinet of 17. The list, which is attached, also provides details of representation in the other Chamber.

The Ministry elected by Caucus, and the allocation of portfolios which I have made, mean that the Government is excellently equipped to pursue vigorously and creatively the priorities for our fourth term which were set out in the election campaign. The Ministry combines a very high level of experience with the introduction of talented new members. It combines stability and continuity, in several key portfolios where that is appropriate, with change and new challenge for a number of other Ministers.

The major machinery of government reforms we put in place in 1987 have shown significant benefits and no major adjustment has proven necessary to accommodate the significant changes of Ministers which will now take place. This well established machinery of government will yield continuing benefits in the coming term.

I warmly welcome the election by Caucus of Paul Keating as Deputy Prime Minister. I look forward to the continuation of our extremely close working relationship, which will now have this added dimension and cover a wider range of issues of concern to the Government. Mr Keating will remain Treasurer in the fourth Hawke Government, a decision which will ensure that the highest priority continues to be given to effective management of the economy.

I also welcome the new additions to the Cabinet and to the Ministry.

Ros Kelly, Gerry Hand, Peter Cook and Nick Bolkus now assume positions as Cabinet Ministers, and bring with them the valuable experience which they have obtained in earlier Ministerial positions. I am particularly pleased that we are once again able to include a woman of such outstanding ability as Ros Kelly in the Cabinet.

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There are eight new Ministers - Peter Baldwin, David Beddall, Gordon Bilney, Bob Collins, Simon Crean, Wendy Fatin, Alan Griffiths and Robert Tickner. They will each bring new skills, energy and enthusiasm into the Ministerial team and I am confident will make an excellent contribution to the Government's overall effort and performance.

I wish to draw attention to new assignments reflected in the attached list.

Senator Tate will now be the sole supporting Minister in the Attorney-General's portfolio.

There will now be two Ministers supporting Senator Button as Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce. Mr Crean will be responsible for Science and Technology and will be Minister assisting me for Science. This change has been made to give the greater priority to the development of Australia's scientific and technological capabilities promised by me in the election campaign. As Minister assisting me, he will amongst other things have oversight of the implementation of our pledge to establish Co-operative Research Centres bringing together Australian scientists of excellence from the Government, the academic community and the private sector.

The other Minister in Industry, Technology and Commerce, Mr Beddall, will have responsibility for Small Business and Customs. This reflects in part the importance which the Government attaches to the development of small business in Australia. The assignment of Mr Beddall recognises in particular the recent important report into small business which bears his name.

Senator Collins, in addition to his duties in the Transport and Communications portfolio, will assist me on issues concerning Northern Australia. The Government regards the north as an area of great potential in Australia's development. Senator Collins will not have an executive role but will be in a position, as somebody fully familiar with the north, to report to me regularly on the scope for development in the region and means of overcoming impediments to such development.

I have also decided to appoint four Parliamentary Secretaries, under the Parliamentary Secretaries Act 1980, to myself as Prime Minister, to the Treasurer, to the Minister for Transport and Communications and to the Minister for Social Security. The list of Parliamentary Secretaries and information on their general duties is attached. I will be recommending to the Governor-General that they be appointed to the Federal Executive Council.

The Parliamentary Secretaries will assist the Ministers concerned to carry out their responsibilities by supporting them in tasks ranging from correspondence to meetings with delegations and client groups. In addition to these duties common to each of the Parliamentary Secretaries, the Ministers will be able to assign to them specific issues of policy development and administration in the portfolio. The work will provide valuable experience for the four Parliamentary Secretaries in the management of a portfolio without the cost involved in the appointment of further Ministers.

I am confident that the new Ministerial team to be sworn tomorrow provides a combination of experience and new talent which will invigorate the Government as it begins its fourth term, and will enable it to take the decisions necessary to ensure:

- . sound economic management
- . determined and sustained micro economic reform
- . environmentally sustainable economic development
- . a more just and fair society, and
- . the protection of Australia's political, economic and security interests in our relations with other countries.

FOURTH HAWKE MINISTRY

Title	Name	Representative in other Chamber
Prime Minister <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister</i>	Mr Hawke Mr Free	Senator Button
Treasurer and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Commonwealth-State Relations <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer</i>	Mr Keating (Deputy Prime Minister) Senator McMullan	Senator Button
Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce Minister for Science and Technology, <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Science and</i> <i>Minister Assisting the Treasurer</i> Minister for Small Business and Customs	Senator Button (Leader of the Government in the Senate) Mr Crean Mr Beddall	Mr Crean Senator Button Senator Button
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister for Trade Negotiations, <i>Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy</i>	Senator Evans (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate) Dr Blewett	Dr Blewett Senator Evans
Minister for Finance	Mr Willis	Senator Button
Attorney-General Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs	Mr Duffy Senator Tate	Senator Tate Mr Duffy
Minister for Employment, Education and Training Minister for Employment and Education Services Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	Mr Dawkins Mr Baldwin Mr Tickner	Senator Bolkus Senator Bolkus Senator Tate
Minister for Transport and Communications Minister for Shipping and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Northern Australia Minister for Land Transport <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications</i>	Mr Beazley (Vice President of the Executive Council and Leader of the House) Senator Collins Mr Brown Mr Snowdon	Senator Collins Mr Beazley Senator Collins
Minister for Primary Industries and Energy Minister for Resources	Mr Kerin Mr Griffiths	Senator Cook Senator Cook
Minister for Community Services and Health and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Justice Minister for Housing and Aged Care Minister for Veterans' Affairs	Mr Howe Mr Staples Mr Humphreys	Senator Richardson Senator Richardson Senator Richardson
Minister for Social Security <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security</i>	Senator Richardson Mr Sciacca	Mr Howe
Minister for Defence Minister for Defence Science and Personnel	Senator Ray (Manager of Government Business in the Senate) Mr Bilney	Mr Bilney Senator Ray
Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Multicultural Affairs Minister for Local Government and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women	Mr Hand Ms Fatin	Senator Bolkus Senator Bolkus
Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories	Mrs Kelly Mr Simmons	Senator Richardson Senator Richardson
Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters	Senator Cook	Mr Willis
Minister for Administrative Services	Senator Bolkus	Mr Beddall

Portfolio Ministers, all of whom are in the Cabinet, are shown in bold type. Dr Blewett is also a Cabinet Minister. Portfolio Ministers administer departments with names that reflect their titles. Other Ministers within the portfolio also administer those departments with the exception that, in the portfolio of Community Services and Health, Mr Humphreys administers the Department of Veterans' Affairs. (Mr Howe administers both departments within that portfolio.)

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PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

The following are the four Parliamentary Secretaries appointed by the Prime Minister:

- . Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister
- Mr Ross Free
- . Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer
- Senator Bob McMullan
- . Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications
- Mr Warren Snowdon
- . Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security
- Mr Con Sciacca

The core duties of each Parliamentary Secretary are as follows:

- . consider and sign replies to appropriate correspondence;
- . assist with departmental papers;
- . make inquiries on behalf of the Minister;
- . represent the Minister at official engagements;
- . meet with delegations and clients of the Department and authorities within the portfolio and report on those meetings to the Minister;
- . maintain liaison with other members of Parliament on matters arising within the portfolio; and
- . other representational activities.

Parliamentary Secretaries are entitled to:

- . reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred in respect of the appointment on the basis set out in the Parliamentary Secretaries Act 1980 and up to a maximum amount determined by the Remuneration Tribunal (currently \$6,238 pa), and travelling allowance as appropriate;
- . additional staff member at the Assistant Private Secretary level;
- . adequate postage for official mail and a fully official home telephone;
- . access to Commonwealth cars from the transport pool for performance of duties;

- . official travel for spouse in relation to official functions to which the spouse has also been invited; and
- . with the Minister's approval travel on Special Purpose aircraft when on Parliamentary Secretary business.

By way of background the Parliamentary Secretaries Act 1980 provides for the appointment by the Prime Minister of a member of either House of Parliament to be a Parliamentary Secretary to a Minister of State.

Any such appointment may be revoked at any time by the Prime Minister.

The Act gives not only legal authority for the appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries and provision for them to be reimbursed expenses, but also protects them from disqualification under Section 44 (iv) of the Constitution relating to holders of offices of profit under the Crown.