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PRIME MINISTER

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The Government will be recommending to the Governor-General that Dr Malcolm McIntosh, currently a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Defence, be appointed to replace Dr David Charles as Secretary to DITAC.

Dr Charles will leave his present post on 1 July to take up appointment as Consul-General in Berlin. He has been Secretary to DITAC for five years and has made an outstanding contribution in that portfolio, and for the Government as a whole, over that period.

In 1979, Dr McIntosh was Secretary to the Committee of Inquiry into Technological Change in Australia.

Subsequently, he held various posts in industry policy and programs, with periods in the Industries Assistance Commission, the Department of Productivity and the Department of Industry and Commerce before moving to the Department of Defence in 1982.

In that Department he played a key role in overseeing the management changes and corporatisation of defence factories and dockyards.

Most recently, Dr McIntosh carried responsibility in the Department of Defence for capital equipment and other acquisition and disposal programs, logistics policies, industry development and export policies, and defence sales.