



## PRIME MINISTER

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I shall be recommending to the Governor-General the following new Ministerial appointments:

- . The Hon John Kerin MP as Treasurer;
- . The Hon Simon Crean MP as Minister for Primary Industries and Energy;
- . The Hon Ross Free MP as Minister for Science and Technology, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Science and Minister Assisting the Treasurer;
- . I will also be proposing that responsibility for housing industry matters be added to the portfolio of the Hon Brian Howe MP, who would then become Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services.

In addition, Mr Howe, as Deputy Prime Minister, will now serve as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Commonwealth-State Relations as well as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Justice.

Mr Roger Price MP will be appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Senator Bob McMullan will become Manager of Government Business in the Senate, taking over from Senator Ray.

The formal appointment of the new Ministers by the Governor-General will take place at 9.00 am tomorrow, 4 June 1991.

Mr Kerin, as one of the Government's most senior Ministers, will bring to the position of Treasurer immense Ministerial and Parliamentary experience. His record as Minister for Primary Industries and Energy has been outstanding. As Treasurer he will play a central role in both the Government's policies for sustained economic recovery and our commitment to continued micro economic reform.

Mr Crean also comes to his new position with very strong credentials, his leadership in the trade union movement having now been supplemented by experience as a Minister. He has performed with dedication and creativity in his present Ministerial position.

Mr Free moves to his first Ministerial post from the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister. Knowing Mr Free's work over this period I am confident he will provide excellent service to the Government as Minister for Science and Technology, a field of high importance to the Government's aspirations for Australia in the 1990s.

The placement in Mr Howe's portfolio of housing industry matters will assist the development of a more coherent approach by the Government to the planning and development of Australian cities.

Federal-State relations is also a key area of reform for the Government, and one in which Mr Howe has already been closely involved. I look forward to working with Mr Howe in carrying this vital and complex initiative forward.

I welcome Mr Price as the new Parliamentary Secretary and Senator McMullan to his new job.

These appointments will permit the Government to maintain a large measure of continuity and, at the same time, bring new energy to bear on matters of high priority.

The full details of the new Hawke Ministry are shown in the attachment.

Commonwealth Government  
**FOURTH HAWKE MINISTRY**

4 June 1991

Title	Minister	Representative in other Chamber
<b>Prime Minister</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister</i>	<b>The Hon R J L Hawke, AC, MP</b> <b>The Hon Roger Price, MP</b>	Senator Button
<b>Minister for Community Services and Health,</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Commonwealth-State Relations</i>	<b>The Hon Brian Howe, MP</b> (Deputy Prime Minister)	Senator Tate
<b>Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services</b> <b>Minister for Veterans' Affairs</b>	<b>The Hon Peter Staples, MP</b> <b>The Hon Ben Humphreys, MP</b>	Senator Tate Senator Tate
<b>Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce</b>	<b>Senator the Hon John Button</b> (Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Mr Free
<b>Minister for Science and Technology,</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Science and Minister Assisting the Treasurer</i>	<b>The Hon Ross Free, MP</b>	Senator Button
<b>Minister for Small Business and Customs</b>	<b>The Hon David Beddall, MP</b>	Senator Button
<b>Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>	<b>Senator the Hon Gareth Evans, QC</b> (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Dr Blewett
<b>Minister for Trade and Overseas Development,</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy</i>	<b>The Hon Neal Blewett, MP</b>	Senator Evans
<b>Minister for Finance</b>	<b>The Hon Ralph Willis, MP</b>	Senator Button
<b>Attorney-General</b> <b>Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs</b>	<b>The Hon Michael Duffy, MP</b> <b>Senator the Hon Michael Tate</b>	Senator Tate Mr Duffy
<b>Minister for Employment, Education and Training</b> <b>Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services</b> <b>Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Aboriginal Reconciliation</b>	<b>The Hon J S Dawkins, MP</b> <b>The Hon Peter Baldwin, MP</b> <b>The Hon Robert Tickner, MP</b>	Senator Bolkus Senator Bolkus Senator Collins
<b>Minister for Transport and Communications</b>	<b>The Hon Kim C Beazley, MP</b> (Leader of the House)	Senator Collins
<b>Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support and</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Northern Australia</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Bob Collins</b>	Mr Beazley
<b>Minister for Land Transport</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications</i>	<b>The Hon Bob Brown, MP</b> <b>The Hon Warren Snowdon, MP</b>	Senator Collins
<b>Treasurer</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer</i>	<b>The Hon John Kerin, MP</b> <b>Senator the Hon Bob McMullan</b> (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)	Senator Button
<b>Minister for Social Security</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Graham Richardson</b> (Vice President of the Executive Council) <b>The Hon Con Sciacca, MP</b>	Mr Howe
<b>Minister for Defence</b>	<b>Senator the Hon Robert Ray</b>	Mr Bilney
<b>Minister for Defence Science and Personnel</b>	<b>The Hon Gordon Bilney, MP</b>	Senator Ray
<b>Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Multicultural Affairs</b>	<b>The Hon Gerry Hand, MP</b>	Senator Bolkus
<b>Minister for Local Government and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women</b>	<b>The Hon Wendy Fatin, MP</b>	Senator Bolkus
<b>Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories</b>	<b>The Hon Ros Kelly, MP</b>	Senator Richardson
<b>Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories</b>	<b>The Hon David Simmons, MP</b>	Senator Richardson
<b>Minister for Industrial Relations and</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Peter Cook</b>	Mr Willis
<b>Minister for Administrative Services</b>	<b>Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus</b>	Mr Beddall
<b>Minister for Primary Industries and Energy</b> <b>Minister for Resources</b>	<b>The Hon Simon Crean, MP</b> <b>The Hon Alan Griffiths, MP</b>	Senator Cook Senator Cook

Portfolio Ministers, all of whom are in the Cabinet, are shown in bold type. Dr Blewett is also a Cabinet Minister.

A Department with a title reflecting the portfolio Minister's title is administered by the Ministers within each grouping, with one exception: within the Community Services and Health portfolio, Mr Howe administers both the Department of Community Services and Health and the Department of Veterans' Affairs; Mr Staples administers the Department of Community Services and Health; and Mr Humphreys administers the Department of Veterans' Affairs.