



PRIME MINISTER

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KEATING MINISTRY

I have today recommended to the Governor-General a number of changes to the Ministry. The swearing-in is scheduled for 3.00pm today.

Details of the Ministry are attached.

It is a talented and experienced team which is well placed to undertake the task of building confidence in Australia and getting economic recovery underway.

The Government's key tasks will be jobs and economic growth. As I said on becoming Prime Minister, I believe that we can emerge from the recession with a much stronger economy than ever before. The nineties hold very great promise for all Australians.

Mr Dawkins will be Treasurer.

Other key changes will be the appointment of Mr Willis as Minister for Finance, Mr Beazley as Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Dr Blewett as Minister for Social Security and Senator Richardson as Minister for Transport and Communications.

I am pleased to welcome two new members to Cabinet - Mr Griffiths and Senator Collins.

Mr Griffiths will be sworn in as Minister for Tourism in charge of a new Department of Tourism, which is to operate as a separate portfolio in recognition of the importance and special needs of that industry to the economy and regional Australia. He will continue as Minister for Resources in the Primary Industries and Energy portfolio.

Reflecting the importance of micro-economic reform, Senator Collins, as Minister for Shipping and Aviation, will be a second Cabinet Minister within the Transport and Communications portfolio.

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Mr Kerin will become Minister for Trade and Overseas Development within the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio reflecting the importance of trade matters to rural and regional Australia. The portfolio will be represented in Cabinet by the portfolio Minister, Senator Evans.

Other changes are: Mr Simmons will now be Minister for Local Government and Minister for Family Support; Ms Fatin will be appointed Minister for the Arts and Territories; the Minister for Higher Education and Education Services, Mr Baldwin, will in addition be Minister Assisting the Treasurer; the Minister for Science and Technology, Mr Free, will now be Minister Assisting the Prime Minister generally in addition to science matters.

The appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries provides a means of assisting Ministers in the administration of their departments and developing new talent. I have decided therefore to appoint four additional Parliamentary Secretaries: Mr Laurie Brereton, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Gary Johns and Stephen Martin. Details are included in the attached Ministry list.

Public Services Changes

I have kept organisational changes to departments to a minimum, the only changes recommended to the Administrative Arrangements Order being the movement of responsibility for Tourism, from the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories portfolio to a new separate portfolio.

KEATING MINISTRY

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

Portfolio Ministers, all of whom are in the Cabinet, are shown in bold type. Senator Collins 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 Health, Housing and Community Services portfolio, Mr Howe administers both the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs; Mr Staples administers the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services; and Mr Humphreys administers the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Mr Griffiths administers the Department of Tourism, as portfolio Minister; and both Mr Crean, as portfolio Minister, and Mr Griffiths administer the Department of Primary Industries and Energy. Mr Simmons administers both the Department of Social Security, with Dr Blewett as portfolio Minister, and the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, with Mr Hand as portfolio Minister.

Parliamentary Secretaries

<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister</i>	<i>The Hon Laurie Brereton, MP</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>Mr Gary Johns, MP</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>	<i>Mr Stephen Martin, MP</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer</i>	<i>Senator the Hon Bob McMullan (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General</i>	<i>The Hon Peter Duncan, MP</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security</i>	<i>The Hon Con Sciacca, MP</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications</i>	<i>The Hon Warren Snowdon, MP</i>
<i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence</i>	<i>The Hon Roger Price, MP</i>

KEATING MINISTRY - REPRESENTATION OF MINISTERS IN THE OTHER CHAMBER

MINISTER	REPRESENTED BY
Prime Minister	Senator Button
Minister for Health, Housing & Community Services	Senator Tate
Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services	Senator Tate
Minister for Veterans' Affairs	Senator Tate
Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce	Mr Free
Minister for Science and Technology	Senator Button
Minister for Small Business, Construction & Customs	Senator Button
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade	Mr Kerin
Minister for Trade and Overseas Development	Senator Evans
Treasurer	Senator Button
Minister for Finance	Senator Button
Attorney-General	Senator Tate
Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs	Mr Duffy
Minister for Employment, Education and Training	Senator Cook
Minister for Higher Education & Employment Services	Senator Cook
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	Senator Collins
Minister for Social Security	Senator Richardson
Minister for Family Support	Senator Richardson
Minister for Transport and Communications	Mr Beazley
Minister for Shipping and Aviation	Mr Beazley
Minister for Land Transport	Senator Richardson
Minister for Defence	Mr Bilney
Minister for Defence Science and Personnel	Senator Ray
Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs	Senator Bolkus
Minister for Local Government	Senator Bolkus
Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories	Senator Richardson
Minister for the Arts and Territories	Senator Richardson
Minister for Industrial Relations	Mr Willis
Minister for Administrative Services	Mr Beddall
Minister for Primary Industries and Energy	Senator Cook
Minister for Resources	Senator Cook
Minister for Tourism	Senator Collins