



## **PRIME MINISTER**

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**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP**

**APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR GLENN WITHERS AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Glenn Withers AO as Director of the Office of the Economic Planning Advisory Council.

Professor Withers has made significant contributions to the development and analysis of public policy in a number of areas. He has been Professor of Economics at La Trobe University since 1986 and has held a number of positions on Government and academic boards. He has been a consultant to both private and public organisations, including the OECD. He brings strong research abilities and valuable experience to the Office of EPAC. Professor Withers has published extensively, concentrating mainly on issues affecting the structure and efficiency of the Australian economy, and the economic implications of social policies. In the 1992 Queen's Birthday Honours List he was appointed as Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to applied economics.

At the last EPAC meeting on 27 March 1992, I emphasised the need for the Secretariat and the Council to concentrate its research and analysis on medium term issues. Professor Withers' appointment as Director of the Office of EPAC will contribute importantly to strengthening this focus of EPAC's work.

I would like to thank and commend Richard Whitelaw for his capable administration of the Office of EPAC since the departure of Fred Argy last year. The Office is well positioned to complete EPAC's 1992 work program under its new Director.

Professor Withers will take up his appointment on 8 July 1992. I am confident that under his leadership the Office of EPAC will continue to make important and constructive contributions to the economic debate in Australia, and strengthen our understanding of many of the important issues we need to address to meet the challenges that face us in the 1990s.

CANBERRA  
17 June 1992

## SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

GLENN ALEXANDER WITHERS

### Personal

Date of Birth: 27 August 1946; Melbourne, Australia

### Academic Degrees

PhD, Harvard University, 1975  
AM, Harvard University, 1974  
BEC, (1st Hons) Monash University, 1968

### Awards and Distinctions

Officer, Order of Australia  
Fellow, Academy of Social Sciences of Australia  
Frank Knox Fellow  
Robert Gordon Menzies Scholar  
Fulbright Scholar

### Faculty Appointments

1986- Professor of Economics, School of Economics, La Trobe University  
1982-85 Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies,  
Australian National University  
1979-82 Associate Professor in Public Economics, School of Economics and  
Financial Studies, Macquarie University  
1975-78 Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, Australian  
National University  
1971-74 Teaching Fellow, Economics Department and Kennedy School of  
Government, Harvard University

### Other Positions Held

1987-91 Chair, Commonwealth Government Inquiry into Population Issues  
Chair, Advisory Committee, Bureau of Immigration Research  
Chair, Migrant Skills and Qualifications Board, Victoria  
Member, State Training Board  
1986 Member, Official Australian Delegation, Ministerial Conference  
on the Future of Migration, OECD, Paris  
1981-82 Principal Economic Adviser, Commonwealth Department of  
Employment and Industrial Relations