



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON. P. J. KEATING MP
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN (DEFENCE FORCE)

The appointment of the present Deputy Ombudsman (Defence Force), Air Vice-Marshal (retd) Roy Frost AO, expired on 8 July 1992.

Air Vice-Marshal Frost served with success for five years in this position, which demands a combination of judgement and discretion.

On behalf of the Government, I would like to express my appreciation for Air Vice-Marshal Frost's contribution during his term as Deputy Ombudsman and to wish him well in his retirement.

The Governor-General today appointed Mr Richard Mills for a three-year term as Deputy Commonwealth Ombudsman. Mr Mills will be designated as Deputy Ombudsman (Defence Force).

Mr Mills was previously the Head of Office of the Resource Assessment Commission.

The Chief of the Defence Force, General Peter Gration, AC OBE, has welcomed Mr Mills' appointment notwithstanding that he has not been a member of the Defence Force.

Mr Mills served for fifteen years in the Department of Defence, including periods as Secretary to the Senior Defence Committees and as Senior Private Secretary to Mr Beazley when Minister for Defence. He was for a time Assistant Secretary Service Personnel (Army).

Mr Mills' background in the Public Service and in major investigations of the kind conducted by the Resource Assessment Commission will fit him well for involvement in major investigative work.

CANBERRA
July 16, 1992

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of Birth 27 December 1942

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QUALIFICATIONS

1959	NSW Leaving Certificate	Honours in History and English
1963	B.A. (Hons) Sydney	History, English, French
1970	B.A. (ANU)	Political Science Public Administration International Relations Australian Literature
1978	M.A. (Lancaster)	Politics/Strategic Studies

Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

EXPERIENCE

- 1990-1992 **Resource Assessment Commission**
Head of Office
Policy advice, manage the RAC Secretariat
- 1989 **Ansett Airlines (on Executive Interchange)**
Principal Adviser, Aviation Policy
Relations with Government, route performance
analysis, corporate planning, pilot recruitment
- July 1988-
Dec. 1988 **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**
Acting Deputy Secretary
Bicentenary and community relations,
multicultural affairs, status of women
- 1987-1988 **Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet**
First Assistant Secretary, Bicentenary and
Community Relations Division
Bicentennial matters, cultural and welfare services,
ceremonial and hospitality
- 1985-1986 **Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet**
First Assistant Secretary, Cabinet Office
Manage the Cabinet program
- 1983-1985 **Senior Private Secretary to the Minister for
Defence**
Policy advice, Departmental liaison, public
information, manage the Minister's office
- 1982-1983 **Department of Defence**
Assistant Secretary, Army Personnel
Ministerial liaison, personnel management
- 1981-1982 **Department of Defence**
Assistant Secretary, Information Policy Branch
Freedom of Information, Archives
- 1979-1980 **Department of Defence**
Chief Executive Officer, Policy Co-ordination
Division
Ministerial liaison, public relations, Freedom of
Information, Archives
- 1977-1978 **University of Lancaster**

- 1976-1977
Department of Defence
Chief Executive Officer, Committee Secretariat
Secretary of Defence Committee, Chiefs of Staff
Committee, Defence Force Development
Committee
- 1975-1976
Department of Defence
Chief Executive Officer, Policy Secretariat
Information Policy and Archives
- 1972-1974
Department of Defence
Senior/Principal Executive Officer, Strategic and
International Policy Division
Defence aid, Defence relations with Indonesia,
strategic policy
- 1970-1971
Department of Defence
Secretary, National Intelligence Committee
- 1964-1969
Commonwealth Public Service Board
Administrative Trainee/Assistant Inspector
Personnel policy, research into pay and conditions
of service.