



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

The Government has decided to re-appoint Mr Roger Holdrich as Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security for a second term of three years.

The Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security plays a pivotal role in ensuring the accountability of Australia's security and intelligence agencies. The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security was established in 1986 following one of the key recommendations of the second Hope Royal Commission on Australia's Intelligence and Security Agencies.

The Inspector-General assists Ministers oversee the activities of Australia's intelligence and security agencies - the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Secret Intelligence Service, the Office of National Assessments, the Defence Signals Directorate and the Defence Intelligence Organisation - to ensure that these agencies act legally and with propriety, comply with Ministerial guidelines and directives and respect human rights.

Mr Holdrich's re-appointment has been supported by the Leader of the Opposition.

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