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## **PRIME MINISTER**

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

### **MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Following the resignation of John Dawkins as Treasurer and the election of Gary Johns to the Ministry, I have decided to recommend to the Governor-General a number of changes to ministerial and administrative arrangements.

A copy of the new ministry list is attached, showing the detail of the changes. I am pleased to announce that Ralph Willis is to become Treasurer. He has made an outstanding contribution to the Labor Government since it took office in 1983 and he comes to his new position as a Minister of wide experience and demonstrated capacity.

Other changes to be made by the Governor-General will be the appointment of Kim Beazley as Minister for Finance and Simon Crean as Minister for Employment, Education and Training. Senator Collins will be Minister for Primary Industries and Energy and David Beddall, Minister for Resources.

I will also be recommending to the Governor-General some adjustment of departmental arrangements. The Department of Transport and Communications will be renamed as the Department of Transport and a separate Department of Communications will be established. Laurie Brereton will be Minister for Transport (as well as remaining Minister for Industrial Relations) and Michael Lee becomes Minister for Communications and remains Minister for Tourism. The Secretary to the Department of Communications will be Mr Neville Stevens, the former Secretary to the Department of Industry, Technology and Regional Development.

The record of achievement in Transport and Communications in recent years includes new industry structures for aviation; the development of a third runway at Kingsford Smith Airport; reform of the shipping and waterfront sectors; progress towards a national rail freight system and uniform national road regulation; new regulatory arrangements for telecommunications, broadcasting and radio communications, and the introduction of competition in telecommunications; and sale of communications licences for more than a billion dollars. The new arrangements will build on and enhance these achievements, which are already contributing substantially to Australia's improved international competitiveness.

The Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services is to be renamed as the Department of Human Services and Health, and Brian Howe will become the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Human Services.

Reflecting my commitment that there should be direct representation of women's issues in the Cabinet, Ros Kelly will become the minister assisting me for the status of women. She will be assisted in her normal portfolio duties by the appointment of Janice Crosio as a parliamentary secretary in that portfolio. Con Sciacca will replace her as parliamentary secretary in the Arts and Administrative Services portfolio.

I am very pleased to welcome Gary Johns to the Ministry. He will become Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters. Paul Elliott will replace Mr Johns as parliamentary secretary to the Treasurer.

There will be an Executive Council meeting and swearing-in ceremony at Government House at 2.30 this afternoon.

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Commonwealth Government  
**SECOND KEATING MINISTRY**

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TITLE	MINISTER	Representative in other Chamber
<b>Prime Minister</b> Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Special Minister of State <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon P J Keating, MP</b> The Hon Robert Tickner, MP The Hon Frank Walker, QC, MP (Vice-President of the Executive Council) <i>The Hon Andrew Theophanous, MP</i>	Senator Evans Senator Collins Senator Evans
<b>Minister for Housing, Local Government and Human Services</b>  Minister for Health Minister for Family Services Minister for Veterans' Affairs <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Brian Howe, MP</b> (Deputy Prime Minister) Senator the Hon Graham Richardson Senator the Hon Rosemary Crowley Senator the Hon John Faulkner (Manager of Government Business in the Senate) <i>The Hon Andrew Theophanous, MP</i>	Senator Richardson  Mr Howe Mr Howe Mr Howe
<b>Minister for Foreign Affairs</b>  Minister for Trade Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs	<b>Senator the Hon Gareth Evans, QC</b> (Leader of the Government in the Senate) Senator the Hon Peter Cook The Hon Gordon Bilney, MP	Mr Bilney  Mr Bilney Senator Evans
<b>Minister for Defence</b>  Minister for Defence Science and Personnel <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Robert Ray</b> (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate) Senator the Hon John Faulkner <i>The Hon Gary Punch, MP</i>	Mr Beazley  Mr Beazley
<b>Treasurer</b> Assistant Treasurer Special Minister of State <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Ralph Willis, MP</b> The Hon George Gear, MP The Hon Frank Walker, QC, MP <i>The Hon Paul Elliott, MP</i>	Senator McMullan Senator McMullan Senator McMullan
<b>Minister for Finance</b>	<b>The Hon Kim C Beazley, MP</b> (Leader of the House)	Senator McMullan
<b>Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary (Territories)</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Ros Kelly, MP</b>  <i>The Hon Warren Snowdon, MP</i> <i>The Hon Janice Crosio, MBE, MP</i>	Senator Richardson Senator Crowley
<b>Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Multicultural Affairs</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Nick Bolkus</b>	Mr Brereton
<b>Minister for Employment, Education and Training</b> Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Simon Crean, MP</b> The Hon Ross Free, MP <i>The Hon Warren Snowdon, MP</i>	Senator Schacht Senator Schacht
<b>Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development</b> Minister for Science and Small Business <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Science</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Alan Griffiths, MP</b> Senator the Hon Chris Schacht  <i>The Hon E J Lindsay, MP</i>	Senator Schacht Mr Griffiths
<b>Minister for Primary Industries and Energy</b> Minister for Resources <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Bob Collins</b> The Hon David Beddall, MP <i>Senator the Hon Nick Sherry</i>	Mr Beddall Senator Collins
<b>Minister for Social Security</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Peter Baldwin, MP</b> <i>The Hon Con Sciacca, MP</i>	Senator Crowley
<b>Minister for the Arts and Administrative Services</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>Senator the Hon Bob McMullan</b> <i>The Hon Con Sciacca, MP</i>	Mr Walker
<b>Minister for Industrial Relations</b> Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters</i>	<b>The Hon Laurie Brereton, MP</b> The Hon Gary Johns, MP	Senator Ray  Senator Ray
<b>Minister for Transport</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Laurie Brereton, MP</b> <i>The Hon Neil O'Keefe, MP</i>	Senator Cook
<b>Attorney-General</b> Minister for Consumer Affairs Minister for Justice <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	<b>The Hon Michael Lavarch, MP</b> The Hon Jeannette McHugh, MP The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP <i>The Hon Peter Duncan, MP</i>	Senator Bolkus Senator Bolkus Senator Bolkus
<b>Minister for Communications</b>	<b>The Hon Michael Lee, MP</b>	Senator Cook
<b>Minister for Tourism</b>	<b>The Hon Michael Lee, MP</b>	Senator Ray

Each box represents a portfolio. Cabinet Ministers are shown in bold type. As a general rule, there is one Department in each portfolio. Except for the Department of Human Services and Health and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the title of each Department reflects that of the Portfolio Minister. There is also a Department of Veterans' Affairs in the Human Services and Health portfolio.