



PRIME MINISTER

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

OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS

I am pleased to announce that Mr Geoff Walsh is to join my office as Principal Adviser from next week.

Mr Walsh will replace Dr Allan Hawke, who has accepted an offer to become Deputy Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr Walsh served as a press secretary and senior adviser to former Prime Minister Hawke, and has most recently been First Assistant Secretary, Public Affairs Division, in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

My Political Adviser, Mr Mark Ryan, will leave the office within a few weeks to take up a position in private enterprise.

I welcome Geoff Walsh to my office, and wish Allan Hawke and Mark Ryan success in their new positions.

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