



PRIME MINISTER

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

RELEASE OF BURGESS REPORT

I welcome the release of the report of the Burgess Review of the Commonwealth's Enterprise Improvement Programs.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Ian Burgess for preparing a comprehensive and authoritative analysis of the many complex issues surrounding these programs.

The Government was fortunate to be able to secure the services of Mr Burgess, a prominent private sector businessman and chair of the AMP Society, to lead the Review.

The Review was announced in the White Paper, *Working Nation*, in May this year. Its terms of reference focused on the efficiency and effectiveness of program delivery arrangements for Government enterprises.

I have asked the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Senator Cook, to prepare a prompt response to the recommendations in consultation with other relevant Ministers and I expect further announcements on these matters will be made in the early part of 1995.

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