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PRIME MINISTER

CABINET COMMITTEES, PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS AND MINISTERIAL DUTIES

Cabinet committees

I have decided to establish the following Cabinet Committees:

- Economic Committee
- Expenditure Review Committee
- National Security Committee
- Legal Committee
- Parliamentary Business Committee

Membership of these Committees is set out in the Attachment.

Parliamentary sittings

The Thirty-Fifth Parliament will be opened by the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, AC, KBE on Tuesday 30 April 1996.

Ministerial duties

In view of the significance of the government's privatisation agenda I have appointed Dr Kemp, the Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training to assist the Minister for Finance in relation to privatisation. As a consequence, the Minister for Industrial Relations, Mr Reith, will assist the Prime Minister for the public service. Senator Kemp will be Manager of Government Business in the Senate.

17 March 1996

MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES

Cabinet

Prime Minister	Senator Alston	Mr McLachlan
Mr Fischer	Mr Reith	Mr Sharp
Mr Costello	Senator Newman	Mr Wooldridge
Mr Anderson	Mr Downer	Mr Fahey
Senator Hill	Mr Moore	Senator Vanstone

Economic Committee

Prime Minister (Chairman)
 Mr Fischer
 Mr Costello (D)
 Mr Reith
 Mr Moore
 Mr Sharp
 Mr Fahey
 Mr Short

Expenditure Review Committee

Prime Minister (Chairman)
 Mr Costello (D)
 Mr Anderson
 Dr Wooldridge
 Mr Fahey
 Mr Short

National Security Committee

Prime Minister (Chairman)
 Mr Fischer
 Mr Costello
 Mr Downer
 Mr McLachlan
 Mr Williams

Legal Committee

Prime Minister (Chairman)
 Mr Anderson
 Senator Hill (D)
 Senator Alston
 Senator Vanstone
 Dr D Kemp
 Mr Williams

Parliamentary Business Committee

Senator Hill (Chairman)
 Senator Alston (D)
 Mr Reith
 Mr Moore
 Mr McGauran
 Mr Williams
 Mr Miles
 Senator R Kemp

(D) Deputy Chairman

Commonwealth Government

HOWARD MINISTRY

11 March 1996

TITLE	MINISTER	OTHER CHAMBER
Prime Minister Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs <i>Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet)</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon John Howard, MP Senator the Hon John Herron <i>The Hon Chris Miles, MP</i> <i>Senator the Hon Nick Minchin</i>	Senator the Hon Robert Hill The Hon Dr Michael Wooldridge, MP
Minister for Trade (Deputy Prime Minister) Minister for Foreign Affairs <i>Parliamentary Secretary (Trade)</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary (Foreign Affairs)</i>	The Hon Tim Fischer, MP The Hon Alexander Downer, MP <i>Senator the Hon David Brownhill</i> <i>The Hon Andrew Thomson, MP</i>	Senator the Hon Robert Hill Senator the Hon Robert Hill
Treasurer Assistant Treasurer <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon Peter Costello, MP Senator the Hon Jim Short <i>Senator the Hon Brian Gibson</i>	Senator the Hon Jim Short The Hon Peter Costello, MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Energy Minister for Resources and Energy <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon John Anderson, MP Senator the Hon Warwick Parer <i>Senator the Hon David Brownhill</i>	Senator the Hon Warwick Parer The Hon John Anderson, MP
Minister for the Environment (Leader of the Government in the Senate) Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	Senator the Hon Robert Hill The Hon Warwick Smith, MP <i>Senator the Hon Ian Gordon Campbell</i>	The Hon Warwick Smith, MP Senator the Hon Robert Hill
Minister for Communications and the Arts (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Richard Alston	The Hon Warwick Smith, MP
Minister for Industrial Relations (Leader of the House) <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service</i>	The Hon Peter Reith, MP	Senator the Hon Richard Alston
Minister for Social Security <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i> (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman <i>Senator the Hon Rod Kemp</i>	The Hon Philip Ruddock, MP
Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism (Vice-President of the Executive Council) Minister for Science and Technology (Deputy Leader of the House) Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs	The Hon John Moore, MP The Hon Peter McGauran, MP The Hon Geoff Prosser, MP	Senator the Hon Warwick Parer Senator the Hon Warwick Parer Senator the Hon Warwick Parer
Minister for Defence Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel Minister for Veterans' Affairs	The Hon Ian McLachlan, AO, MP The Hon Bronwyn Bishop, MP The Hon Bruce Scott, MP	Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman
Minister for Transport and Regional Development <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon John Sharp, MP <i>Senator the Hon Grant Tambling</i>	Senator the Hon Richard Alston
Minister for Health and Family Services Minister for Family Services <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon Dr Michael Wooldridge, MP The Hon Judi Moylan, MP <i>Senator the Hon Bob Woods</i>	Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman
Minister for Finance Minister for Administrative Services	The Hon John Fahey, MP The Hon David Jull, MP	Senator the Hon Jim Short Senator the Hon Jim Short
Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training <i>Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance for Privatisation</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone The Hon David Kemp, MP <i>The Hon Tony Abbott, MP</i>	The Hon David Kemp, MP Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone
Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	The Hon Philip Ruddock, MP	Senator the Hon Jim Short
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice	The Hon Daryl Williams, AM, QC, MP	Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone

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 the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, and the Attorney-General's Department, the title of each Department reflects that of the Portfolio Minister. There is also a Department of Administrative Services in the Finance portfolio; and a Department of Veterans' Affairs in the Defence portfolio.