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PRIME MINISTER

APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

Following Mr Sandy Hollway's decision to take up employment with the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games, I shall recommend to the Governor-General the appointment of Mr Stephen Sedgwick, Secretary to the Department of Finance, to replace Mr Hollway as Secretary to the Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

In Mr Sedgwick's place as Secretary to the Department of Finance I shall recommend the appointment of Dr Peter Boxall, currently the Principal Adviser to the Treasurer.

It is proposed that Mr Sedgwick's and Dr Boxall's appointments take effect on 18 January 1997.

It is also proposed that Mr Russell Higgins, currently Executive Director, Resources and Energy Group, Department of Primary Industries and Energy, will replace Mr Greg Taylor AO as the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science and Tourism. It is envisaged that Mr Taylor will take up new responsibilities involving the Commonwealth sometime later in 1997.

I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to express the government's great appreciation for the highly valued contribution made by Mr Taylor and Mr Hollway and wish them and Mr Sedgwick, Dr Boxall and Mr Higgins every good wish in their new roles.

29 December 1996