



PRIME MINISTER

NEW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Senator Chris Ellison as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services. He replaces Senator Bob Woods who has announced his intention to resign from Parliament.

Senator Ellison will also assist the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice in certain selected areas.

The new Parliamentary Secretary, who represents Western Australia in the Senate, was elected to Parliament in 1993. He has served on a range of Senate and Joint Parliamentary Committees. He played a particularly active role for the then opposition in debate on the former government's Native Title legislation late in 1993.

I congratulate Senator Ellison. I am sure that he will discharge his new responsibilities with great skill and energy.

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