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THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER

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LANCE BARNARD

Lance Barnard was a great citizen of Tasmania and Australia who made a significant contribution to Launceston, to the Labor Party, and to the nation.

I always found him to be a kindly man, and he will have a place in history as a Minister for a record number of portfolios at the very start of the Whitlam Labor Government in December 1992.

He went on to give service as Ambassador to Sweden, Norway and Finland from 1975 to 1978 and he maintained an active interest in a wide range of matters in his twilight years.

On behalf of the Prime Minister and the Government, I extend sympathy to his wife Jill and the Barnard family for their loss of a loved one, a man who it was a privilege to know.

Canberra

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