



## **PRIME MINISTER**

### **MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

I have decided to recommend to the Governor-General a number of changes to ministerial and administrative arrangements.

A copy of the new ministry list is attached, showing details of the changes.

The new ministry is a strong team which reflects the depth of talent available to the Coalition.

I am pleased to welcome to the Cabinet Dr David Kemp as Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Mr Daryl Williams as Attorney-General and Mr Mark Vaile, MP, as Minister for Transport and Regional Development.

There will also be changes in the responsibilities of some ministers.

Mrs Judi Moylan will become Minister for the Status of Women. Women's issues will thus receive the full-time attention of a minister within my portfolio. Mr Warwick Smith will replace Mrs Moylan as the Minister for Family Services. Senator Amanda Vanstone will become Minister for Justice in the Attorney-General's portfolio. Senator Chris Ellison will replace Dr Kemp as Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training.

Two parliamentary secretaries, Senator Nick Minchin and Mr Andrew Thomson, will be appointed as ministers. Senator Minchin will have responsibilities within the renamed Finance and Administration portfolio as Special Minister of State. He will continue to be responsible to me for Native Title matters and the Constitutional Convention. Mr Thomson is to be given responsibility for sport and tourism and will assist me in relation to the Sydney 2000 Games.

Also joining the ministry will be Mr Warren Truss, MP, as Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs and Deputy Leader of the House, and Mr Alex Somlyay, MP, as Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government.

I will be appointing Senator Judith Troeth and Mrs Kathryn Sullivan, MP, as parliamentary secretaries.

I will also be recommending to the Governor-General some adjustments to departmental arrangements.

The Department of Administrative Services will be abolished and its functions divided among several other portfolios. A range of Commonwealth common services functions, the Australian Electoral Commission and the Commonwealth Grants Commission will be within the Finance and Administration portfolio.

Some scientific organisations until now located in the Administrative Services portfolio will move to the renamed Industry, Science and Technology portfolio. The Australian Valuation Office will be associated with the Taxation Office and I will take responsibility for awards and national symbols.

Some elements of the Transport and Regional Development Department which deal with maritime matters will move to the Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business, where maritime reform will continue to be a major policy priority under Mr Reith.

The Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories will in future concentrate on its core functions associated with the environment and will be renamed accordingly. Responsibility for sport will move to the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, where its association with tourism under Mr Thomson will be particularly beneficial in the lead up to the Olympic Games. Territories and local government will move to the Department of Transport and Regional Development, where Mr Somlyay will be responsible for a strengthened emphasis on co-ordination of regional development policies.

There will be an Executive Council meeting and swearing-in ceremony at Government House, Canberra, at 10.00am on Thursday, 9 October.

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TITLE	MINISTER	OTHER CHAMBER
<b>Prime Minister</b> Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister for the Status of Women <i>Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet)</i>	The Hon. John Howard, MP Senator the Hon. John Herron The Hon. Judi Moylan, MP <i>The Hon. Chris Atkes, MP</i>	Senator the Hon. Robert Hill The Hon. Dr Michael Wooldridge, MP Senator the Hon. Jocelyn Newman
<b>Minister for Trade</b> (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>Mrs Kathy Sullivan, MP</i>	Senator the Hon. Robert Hill  Senator the Hon. Robert Hill
<b>Treasurer</b> Assistant Treasurer <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i> (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)	The Hon. Peter Costello, MP Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp <i>Senator the Hon. Ion Campbell</i>	Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp The Hon. Peter Costello, MP
<b>Minister for Primary Industries and Energy</b> Minister for Resources and Energy <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon. John Anderson, MP Senator the Hon. Warwick Parer <i>Senator Judith Troath</i>	Senator the Hon. Warwick Parer The Hon. John Anderson, MP
<b>Minister for the Environment</b> (Leader of the Government in the Senate) <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	Senator the Hon. Robert Hill  <i>Senator the Hon. Ian McDonald</i>	The Hon. John Anderson, MP
<b>Minister for Communications, the Information Economy and the Arts</b> (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon. Richard Alston	The Hon. Warwick Smith, MP
<b>Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business</b> (Leader of the House) <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon. Peter Reith, MP  <i>The Hon. Alan Cadman, MP</i>	Senator the Hon. Richard Alston
<b>Minister for Social Security</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	Senator the Hon. Jocelyn Newman <i>Senator the Hon. Grant Tambling</i>	The Hon. Philip Ruddock, MP
<b>Minister for Industry, Science and Technology</b> (Vice-President of the Executive Council) Minister for Sport and Tourism <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Sydney 2000 Games</i> Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs (Deputy Leader of the House)	The Hon. John Moore, MP  The Hon. Andrew Thomson, MP  Mr Warren Truss, MP	Senator the Hon. Warwick Parer  Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin  Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin Senator the Hon. Warwick Parer
<b>Minister for Defence</b> 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
<b>Minister for Health and Family Services</b> Minister for Family Services <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon. Dr Michael Wooldridge, MP The Hon. Warwick Smith, MP <i>The Hon. Trish Worth, MP</i>	Senator the Hon. John Herron Senator the Hon. John Herron
<b>Minister for Finance and Administration</b>  Special Minister of State <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister</i>	The Hon. John Fahey, MP  Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin	Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp (Finance) Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin (Admin) The Hon. John Fahey, MP
<b>Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs</b> <i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service</i> Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon. Dr David Kemp, MP  Senator the Hon. Christopher Ellison <i>The Hon. Tony Abbott, MP</i>	Senator the Hon. Christopher Ellison  Senator the Hon. Nick Minchin The Hon. Dr David Kemp, MP
<b>Attorney General</b> Minister for Justice	The Hon. Daryl Williams AM, QC, MP Senator the Hon. Amanda Vanstone	Senator the Hon. Amanda Vanstone The Hon. Daryl Williams AM, QC, MP
<b>Minister for Transport and Regional Development</b> Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	Mr Mark Vaile, MP Mr Alex Somlyay, MP  <i>The Hon. Michael Ronaldson, MP</i>	Senator the Hon. Richard Alston Senator the Hon. Richard Alston
<b>Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs</b>	The Hon. Philip Ruddock, MP	Senator the Hon. Amanda Vanstone