



PRIME MINISTER

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

As part of the Machinery of Government Changes agreed by the Governor-General the Honourable Quentin Bryce AC CVO this morning, Her Excellency has made a number of appointments of Secretaries.

Ms Lisa Paul PSM AO has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Education. Ms Paul has been Secretary of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Education, Science and Training and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this new Department.

Dr Paul Grimes PSM has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Dr Grimes was formerly Secretary of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities and has had a distinguished career at the State and Commonwealth levels in a number of Departments.

Ms Glenys Beauchamp PSM has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Industry. Ms Beauchamp has been Secretary of the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sports. She has had an extensive career in the Australian Public Service at senior levels with responsibility for a number of significant government programmes.

Two new Secretaries have been appointed. Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Ms Renée Leon PSM has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Employment.

Dr de Brouwer has most recently been an Associate Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet where he has had primary responsibility for advising on Australia's participation in the G20 process.

Ms Leon has been a Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet where she headed the governance group. She was previously Chief Executive of the ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety and has held a number of senior positions in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge three former Secretaries, Dr Don Russell, Mr Blair Comley PSM and Mr Andrew Metcalfe AO. Each of these Secretaries has made a substantial contribution to public life in Australia and I wish them well for the future.

Dr Martin Parkinson PSM has advised the Treasurer that he will be standing down next year. He has agreed to stay on to the middle of 2014. The Government will be discussing a further appointment with him next year.

I look forward to working again with Australian Public Service.

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