

Senior Commonwealth Public Service Appointments

September 2012

On **Friday 28 September 2012**, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced that she had appointed Mr. Andrew Metcalfe AO as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Mr. Martin Bowles PSM as Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The current Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Dr Conall O'Connell, has indicated his intention to finish in that role on 28 January 2013. Mr. Metcalfe has been Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship since 2005 and was reappointed to that position in 2009. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in January 2012 for his distinguished service to public sector leadership, through contributions to Australia's international relations and to major public policy development and program implementation in the areas of immigration, Australian citizenship, cultural diversity and national security, and to the community.

Mr. Martin Bowles has been the Acting Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship since March 2012 while Mr. Metcalfe has been on leave. He joined the department in December 2011. Prior to that, Mr. Bowles had been a Deputy Secretary at the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and at the Department of Defence. Before joining the Australian Public Service in 2006, Mr. Bowles held senior executive positions in the education and health portfolios in the New South Wales public sector. I look forward to Mr. Bowles continuing his contribution in this important role.

Both appointments were made for periods of five years from 29 January 2013.

On **Monday 17 September 2012**, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced a number of significant appointments within the Commonwealth Public Service.

The Prime Minister announced the current Secretary of the Department of Defence, Mr. Duncan Lewis AO, DSC, CSC, has been appointed as Ambassador to Belgium, the EU, Luxembourg & NATO. This position had previously been held by the Hon. Dr. Brendan Nelson, who will take up the position of Director of the Australian War Memorial on 17 December 2012. Mr. Lewis will leave the Department of Defence on 10 October 2012 to prepare to take up his new appointment.

The current Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Dennis Richardson AO, will be appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence with effect from 18 October 2012. Mr. Richardson was Australia's Ambassador to the United States between 2005 and 2009 and was Director-General of ASIO between 1996 and 2005. He has been the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade since December 2009.

Mr. Peter Varghese AO will be appointed as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Mr. Varghese is currently Australia's High Commissioner to India. Mr. Varghese was previously Director-General of the Office of National Assessments. He has also served as Australia's High Commissioner to



Malaysia and as a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He will take up his appointment as Secretary on 3 December 2012.

Both Mr. Richardson and Mr. Varghese's appointments are for five year terms.

On **Friday 31 August 2012**, Prime Minister Gillard announced the reappointment of Ms. Lisa Paul AO PSM as Secretary of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Ms. Paul has been the Secretary of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations since 2007. Prior to this that Ms. Paul was Secretary of the Department of Education, Science and Training from 2004 to 2007. Ms. Paul was reappointed for a term of five years, commencing 3 December 2012.

Departments and Secretaries

The following is a list of Departments and corresponding Secretaries. It should be noted that this list is subject to change.

Department	Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Dr. Conall O'Connell <i>(Mr. Andrew Metcalfe AO from 29 January 2013)</i>
The Attorney-General's Department	Mr. Roger Wilkins AO
The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	Mr. Peter Harris
The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Mr. Blair Comley
The Department of Defence	Mr. Duncan Lewis AO, DSC, CSC <i>(Mr. Dennis Richardson AO from 3 December 2012)</i>
The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Ms. Lisa Paul AO, PSM
The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Mr. Finn Pratt PSM
The Department of Finance and Deregulation	Mr. David Tune PSM
The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Mr. Dennis Richardson AO <i>(Mr. Peter Varghese AO from 3 December 2012)</i>
The Department of Health and Ageing	Ms. Jane Halton
The Department of Human Services	Ms. Kathryn Campbell CSC
The Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Mr. Andrew Metcalfe AO* <i>(Mr. Martin Bowles PSM from 29 January 2013)</i>
The Department of Infrastructure and Transport	Mr. Mike Mrdak
The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	Dr. Don Russell
The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dr. Ian Watt AO
The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (part of PM&C)	Ms. Glenys Beauchamp
The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism	Mr. Drew Clarke PSM
The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Dr. Paul Grimes
The Department of the Treasury	Dr. Martin Parkinson PSM
The Department of Veterans' Affairs (part of Defence)	Mr. Ian Campbell PSM

*From late March 2012 until October 2012 Mr. Metcalfe will be on recreation and long service leave. Mr. Martin Bowles PSM will act as secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for this period.