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Government Relations Strategy

Commonwealth Departmental Secretaries Update

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On Thursday 26 June the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC approved the reappointment of Mr Mike Mrdak as Secretary to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development for a period of three years and the appointment of Ms Jane Halton PSM as Secretary of the Department of Finance for a period of five years.

The Prime Minister's media release on the appointments is available [here](#).

On 15 August the Prime Minister the Hon Tony Abbott MP announced that Mr Roger Wilkins AO will finish his term as Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department on 31 August 2014. A replacement has not yet been announced.

The Prime Minister's media release on Mr Roger Wilkins AO is available [here](#).

Dr Martin Parkinson PSM is due to conclude his term as Secretary of the Treasury after the G20 meeting around November 2014.

Department	Secretary	First appointed
Department of Agriculture	Dr Paul Grimes PSM	September 2013
Attorney-General's Department	Mr Roger Wilkins AO	September 2008
Department of Communications	Mr Drew Clarke PSM	March 2013
Department of Defence	Mr Dennis Richardson AO	October 2012
Department of Education	Ms Lisa Paul AO PSM	December 2007
Department of Employment	Ms Renée Leon PSM	September 2013
Department of Environment	Dr Gordon de Brouwer PSM	September 2013
Department of Finance	Ms Jane Halton PSM	July 2014
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Mr Peter Varghese AO	December 2012
Department of Health	Ms Jane Halton PSM	January 2002
Department of Human Services (Part of the Social Services Portfolio)	Ms Kathryn Campbell CSC	March 2011
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	Mr Martin Bowles PSM	January 2013
Department of Industry	Ms Glenys Beauchamp PSM	September 2013
Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Mr Mike Mrdak	June 2009
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dr Ian Watt AO	September 2011
Department of Social Services	Mr Finn Pratt PSM	April 2011
Treasury	Dr Martin Parkinson PSM	March 2011
Department of Veterans' Affairs (Part of the Defence Portfolio)	Mr Simon Lewis PSM	July 2013