



PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MG (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

[Signature] at 8.30 AM
on 19th July 2016

Your Excellency

Further to my letter of 11 July 2016 advising of the outcome of the general election held on 2 July 2016, I write to recommend a number of changes to the Ministry and to provide the documents necessary to implement those changes for your consideration.

Noted

I attach a letter from the Leader of the National Party, the Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP, confirming support for the continuation of the Coalition.

Accepted

As I shall be recommending to you a number of changes to the Ministry, I begin by tendering my resignation as Prime Minister, with the intention that your accepting it will terminate all the appointments in the present Ministry. I recommend that you appoint me again to be Prime Minister.

Noted

The other ministerial appointments I recommend to you, in order, are at Attachment A.

The Honourable Dan Tehan MP is absent from Australia, attending commemorative services for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles and the Battle of Pozieres. Although a Minister would ordinarily be present at his or her appointment to swear or affirm the oath of allegiance, I think the preferable course in all the circumstances would be for Mr Tehan to be appointed at the same time as the rest of the Ministry despite his absence overseas. In this respect, I am advised that there is no legal or constitutional requirement for a person who is appointed by the Governor-General to administer a Department of State to be present when the appointment is made. Nor is such a person required by the Constitution to swear or affirm an oath in relation to the ministerial appointment. In these circumstances I recommend that Your Excellency appoint Mr Tehan as Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel today and that he take his oath in your presence on his return to Australia.

Agreed

Agreed

There are two persons who I am recommending for appointment to the Ministry who are not currently members of the Federal Executive Council, being Senator Zed Seselja and Dr David Gillespie MP. I recommend that you administer the Executive Councillor's Oath to both of them.

Attachment A

I recommend that you appoint:

Cabinet Ministers:

- The Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
- The Honourable Julie Bishop MP as Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Senator the Honourable George Brandis QC as Attorney-General
- Senator the Honourable Fiona Nash as Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Local Government and Territories and Minister for Regional Communications
- The Honourable Scott Morrison MP as Treasurer
- The Honourable Christopher Pyne MP as Minister for Defence Industry
- Senator the Honourable Mathias Cormann as Minister for Finance
- Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion as Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- Senator the Honourable Mitch Fifield as Minister for Communications and Minister for the Arts
- Senator the Honourable Marise Payne as Minister for Defence
- The Honourable Peter Dutton MP as Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
- The Honourable Greg Hunt MP as Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science
- The Honourable Sussan Ley MP as Minister for Health and Aged Care and Minister for Sport
- Senator the Honourable Michaelia Cash as Minister for Employment and Minister for Women
- Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham as Minister for Education and Training
- Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO as Cabinet Secretary
- The Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP as Minister for the Environment and Energy
- The Honourable Christian Porter MP as Minister for Social Services
- The Honourable Kelly O'Dwyer MP as Minister for Revenue and Financial Services
- The Honourable Steven Ciobo MP as Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
- The Honourable Darren Chester MP as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
- Senator the Honourable Matt Canavan as Minister for Resources and Northern Australia

Outer Ministry:

- The Honourable Michael Keenan MP as Minister for Justice
- The Honourable Paul Fletcher MP as Minister for Urban Infrastructure
- Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells as Minister for International Development and the Pacific
- Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan as Special Minister of State
- The Honourable Alan Tudge MP as Minister for Human Services
- The Honourable Dan Tehan MP as Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel
- The Honourable Michael McCormack MP as Minister for Small Business

Parliamentary Secretaries (Assistant Ministers):

- The Honourable Karen Andrews MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training, and known as Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
- The Honourable Alex Hawke MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, and known as Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
- The Honourable Ken Wyatt AM MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, and known as Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care
- Senator the Honourable Anne Ruston as Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, and known as Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
- Senator the Honourable James McGrath as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, and known as Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
- The Honourable Jane Prentice MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services for Disability Services, and known as Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services
- The Honourable Angus Taylor MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, and known as Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation
- The Honourable Keith Pitt MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, and known as Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
- The Honourable Craig Laundry MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, and known as Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science
- The Honourable Luke Hartsuyker MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, and known as Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister
- Senator Zed Seselja as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services for Multicultural Affairs, and known as Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs
- Dr David Gillespie MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, and known as Assistant Minister for Rural Health

Agreed

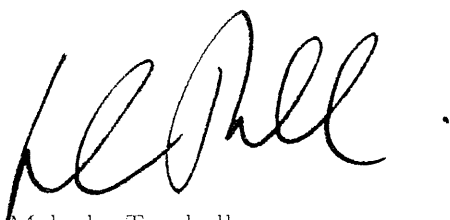
I also recommend you re-appoint Senator the Hon George Brandis QC to the office of Vice-President of the Executive Council.

Instruments to give effect to these recommendations are provided at Attachment B, for your signature. A copy of my proposed Ministry List, showing Cabinet membership and other ministerial appointments, is at Attachment C for your information.

Agreed

I have been advised that you have agreed to hold an Executive Council meeting at 9.15 am on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at Government House, prior to which I would be sworn to the office of Prime Minister at 9.00 am. I understand that following the Executive Council meeting, the swearing-in ceremony for the remainder of the Ministry will be held at 9.30 am.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Turnbull

18 July 2016



The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
Leader of The Nationals
Federal Member for New England

17 July 2016

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YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Your Excellency

This letter is to confirm that Mr Turnbull has the support of The Nationals in the formation of a Coalition Government under his leadership in the 45th Parliament.

Yours sincerely

Barnaby Joyce
Leader of The Nationals



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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 18 July recommending changes to the Ministry.

I have noted the letter from the Leader of the National Party, the Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP, confirming support for the continuation of the Coalition.

I also note that the Honourable Dan Tehan MP is absent from Australia and will take his oath on his return to Australia.

I have received the instruments to give effect to your recommended changes to the Ministry.

Yours sincerely

Peter Cosgrove
19th July 2016