

the wide agreement that in other jurisdictions the adoption of a general system of administrative review had improved the quality of decision-making, and recommended as a matter of priority the adoption of a similar system, to include simplification of the existing complicated judicial remedies, the right to obtain reasons, and a system of review on the merits by an external independent review body.

International Ombudsman Conference

The Papers and Proceedings of the Fourth International Ombudsman Conference, held in Canberra on 23-27 October 1988 (Admin Review 19:13), have now been published. Copies may be obtained from the Commonwealth Ombudsman's office or by contacting the Ombudsman's Information and Publicity Officer on (062) 760 145.

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P E R S O N A L I A

Administrative Review Council

On 1 May 1989 the Attorney-General announced the appointment of Mr Stephen Charles QC as a member of the Council for a 3-year term from 27 April 1989. Mr Charles is a senior Victorian barrister and has been a Queen's Counsel since 1975. He was Chairman of the Victorian Bar Council from 1983-85 and President of the Australian Bar Association from 1985-86.

Mr Fulton Muir, Chairman of the Canberra Development Board, who has been a member of the Council since 2 April 1986, was re-appointed for a further 3-year term.

Mr G.A. (Bert) Mowbray, who had been acting Director of Research since 3 April 1989 (Admin Review 20:56), was formally appointed to the position on 25 May 1989.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

In June 1989 the Attorney-General announced that Mr Brian McMahon, Senior Member in Sydney since 1984, had been reappointed to the Tribunal as a Deputy President. Mr John Handley, previously a member of the Victorian AAT and the Victorian Crimes Compensation Tribunal, was appointed as a Senior Member. The Hon. E.T. Perrignon has been re-appointed as a part-time senior member. Mr John Burns, a taxation expert previously with the Taxation Office and the Ford Motor Company of Australia, was appointed as a part-time member to the Taxation Division, and Mr C.J. Stevens was re-appointed as a part-time member. Ms Anne Brennan, formerly the Director of Social Work in the Department of Social Security, was appointed to the Brisbane Registry as a part-time member.