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### Administrative Review Council

Since the last issue of *Admin Review*, the Attorney-General, Mr Daryl Williams QC MP has announced the appointment of a new member to the Council and the reappointment of an existing member.

Ms Helen Williams AO has been appointed to the Council for three years from 1 October 1996 and Mr Stephen Skehill reappointed to the Council for the same period.

Ms Williams is currently Secretary to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. In announcing the appointment the Attorney-General said that Ms Williams brings to the Council extensive experience at a high level in public administration having occupied positions of Secretary or Associate Secretary in a number of Commonwealth Departments since 1985. She has also had a number of appointments to statutory bodies.

Mr Stephen Skehill has been a member of the Council since 9 June 1994. He is currently Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department and brings to the Council an extensive knowledge of administrative law and public administration.

The Council has also farewelled two members whose membership terms expired on 30 September 1996. Dr Allan Hawke, a Council member from February 1994, contributed a valuable public sector perspective to the work

of the Council. At the time of his appointment to the Council he was Secretary to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Earlier this year he became Secretary to the Department of Transport and Regional Development. The second retiring member, Ms Sheila O'Sullivan, had been a Council member since July 1994. As the Managing Director of SOCOM Public Relations Pty Ltd, Ms O'Sullivan's extensive experience in commerce and her working knowledge of public administration from a private sector perspective was of great value to the Council. As Council members during two major projects – the review of Commonwealth merits review tribunals and the review of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* – and at a time when the Council has been reevaluating its role and direction, both Dr Hawke and Ms O'Sullivan made a significant contribution to the Council. The Council thanks them both.

With the above changes in the Council's membership the Council currently has eleven members. There is statutory provision for a total of thirteen members.

### Administrative Appeals Tribunal

#### Reappointments:

Bruce Barbour, Senior Member, Sydney registry (for 5 years);

Elsbeth Hallowes, Senior Member, Melbourne registry (for 5 years).

#### Retirements:

Dr Donald Grimes AO, Senior Member, Sydney registry.

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