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PERSONALIA

High Court Appointments

In May 1998, Chief Justice Murray Gleeson was appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

At the time of his appointment Chief Justice Gleeson was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, having been appointed to that office in November 1988.

His Honour graduated in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney and was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 1963. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1974. He was President of the New South Wales Bar Association during the period 1984-1985. He was Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales from 1989 to 1998, and was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 1992.

Ian Callinan QC was appointed as judge of the High Court of Australia in February 1998. At the time of his appointment His Honour was a practising barrister. After spending five years as a solicitor he was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1965 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1978. He was President of the Queensland Bar Association between 1984 and 1987 and was President of the Australian Bar Association in 1984-85.

Administrative Review Council

Appointments

Since the last issue of *Admin Review*, the Attorney-General, Mr Daryl Williams AM QC MP has announced the appointment of a new member to the

Council and the reappointment of an existing member.

Professor Marcia Neave has been reappointed as President of the Administrative Review Council for 12 months, from 4 February 1998.

On 18 February 1998, the Attorney-General announced the appointment of Anthony Stuart Blunn AO as part-time member of the Council.

Mr Blunn, Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department, has an extensive high-level knowledge of, and experience in, public administration. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Australian National University. He had been Secretary of the Department of Social Security from 1993 and had previously held appointment as Secretary of the Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment (Tourism) and Territories and the Department of Housing and Construction.

Mr Ron McLeod AM replaced Ms Philippa Smith AO as the new Commonwealth Ombudsman. On appointment, Mr McLeod became an ex-officio member of the Council.

Other Council members

Since the last issue of *Admin Review* Ms Helen Williams AO, formerly Secretary to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, has been appointed as the Public Service Commissioner. Mr Stephen Skehill, formerly Secretary to the Attorney-General's Department, has taken up a position as consultant to Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Canberra. Mr Bill Blick, formerly Executive Coordinator in the Department of the Prime Minister and