

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

Cabinet, has been appointed as the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.

New Commonwealth Ombudsman

Mr Ron McLeod AM, formerly Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, was appointed as the new Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman on 19 February 1998.

Mr McLeod has extensive high-level knowledge of, and experience in, public administration. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Commerce from Melbourne University. He has served in a broad range of portfolios, including Deputy Secretary in the Department of Defence, is a member of the Advisory Council of the Australian Archives organisation and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

Former President of Council appointed to the Federal Court

On 27 August 1998, the Attorney-General announced the appointment of the Hon Justice Susan Kenny, a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Victoria, as a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Justice Kenny will take up her appointment on 16 October 1998.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

On 8 March 1998 the Attorney-General announced the appointment of Professor Alice Tay AM as President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and of Ms Susan Halliday as Sex Discrimination Commissioner.

Professor Tay took up her appointment on 1 April 1998. Professor Tay's experience in human rights extends over more than 20 years. She was formerly

Challis Professor of Jurisprudence with the University of Sydney Faculty of Law and Director of the University of Sydney Centre for Asian and Pacific Law. She is also a Member of the International Legal Services Advisory Council.

Ms Halliday took up her position on 28 April 1998. At the time of her appointment she was Assistant Director with the Business Council of Australia, Chair of the Board of the National Centre for Women Swinburne University of Technology, a Member of the Board of the Australian Student Traineeship Foundation, a Member of the Board of Australians against Child Abuse and a former Assistant Director of the Council for Equal Opportunity in Employment.

Ms Elizabeth Hastings' appointment as Disability Discrimination Commissioner was completed on 19 December 1997. The Human Rights Commissioner, Mr Chris Sidoti, was appointed acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner with effect from 18 December 1997, pending the creation of the new Human Rights and Responsibilities Commission.

Merit Protection and Review Agency

The Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Dr David Kemp, announced two part-time appointments to the Merit Protection and Review Agency on 6 July 1998. The Merit Protection and Review Agency is responsible for the external review of decisions and actions affecting Commonwealth public sector employees in relation to their employment.

Mr Mark Paterson and Professor Bob Officer have been appointed to positions