

THE FIRST KEATING MINISTRY

New, tiny tourism department

By JACK WATERFORD

A new mini-department of Tourism, with fewer than 40 public servants, to be administered for the time being by the head of one of the major departments, Geoff Miller, is the only organisational rearrangement of the Keating Cabinet reshuffle.

Mr Keating's announcement of the reshuffle confirms also that the new head of the department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, (appointed on Christmas Eve to take up his appointment on Christmas Day) is Dr Mike Keating, formerly Secretary of the Department of Finance. The former head, Mr Mike Codd, had his appointment terminated by an Executive Council meeting yesterday.

The Prime Minister, Paul Keating, announcing the changes yesterday, said Mike Codd had given outstanding service to government. Mr Codd would be appointed to the board of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission and Qantas "which will enable him to continue his distinguished contribution to the public sector of this country".

Dr Keating, who had been nearly six years in Finance, was previously Secretary of Employment and Industrial Relations. His earlier career included two periods of work for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, and service in the Bureau of Statistics, Urban and Regional Development and Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr Keating said that the Department of Tourism was being carved out of the

Department of Arts, Sport, Tourism, the Environment and Territories "in recognition of the important and special needs of that industry to the economy and rural Australia".

Mr Miller is Secretary of Primary Industries and Energy.

While increased attention to tourism may be welcomed by the tourist industry, the creation of the department is likely to be criticised strongly by observers of public administration, as defying the "sense" of the creation of megadepartments five years ago.

Done primarily to find a seat at the Cabinet table for Alan Griffiths, it was not necessary even in those terms, there being scope for two ministers from the one department to be in Cabinet (as in Transport and Communications, both Senator Graham Richardson and Senator Bob Collins now seated, or previously, in the double representation in Cabinet of Foreign Affairs and Trade).

Although yesterday's administrative arrangements are confined to the creation of Tourism and the recreation of what will now be Arts, Sport, the environment and Territories, the new ministerial list accentuates the divided responsibilities of some junior ministers. Alan Griffiths has responsibilities now in two departments, and so does David Simmons. Minister for Local Government (under the Minister for Immigration, Gerry Hand) and Minister for Family Support (under the Minister for Social Security, Neal Blewett).

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The new Keating ministry after being sworn-in by the Governor-General, Bill Hayden, at Government House yesterday. Back row, from left: Laurie Brereton, Alan Griffiths, Bob Collins, Stephen Martin, John Kerin, Peter Duncan, Kim Beazley. Front row, from left: John Dawkins, Neal Blewett, David Simmons, Mr Hayden, Paul Keating, Wendy Fatin, Ralph Willis.

ALP the loser, says embittered backbencher

Embittered anti-Keating Labor backbencher John Scott attacked the Prime Minister, Paul Keating, yesterday for dumping Ralph Willis as Treasurer and rewarding "cronies" in his rearranged ministry.

Mr Scott, the member for the South Australian seat of Hindmarsh, said the payoff to Keating supporters was much worse than he expected.

"The dumping of Ralph Willis from Treasury is a clear sign that Keating is not interested in healing divisions in the Caucus," Mr Scott said.

"The bitter divisions in Caucus will not die down as more and more Keating cronies seek to be rewarded for supporting the Keating leadership push.

"The ALP, the Government and the community will be the losers."

Mr Scott confirmed that he

would not be seeking re-election in Hindmarsh because he had had a "gutful" of politics, Mr Keating and the ALP itself.

Mr Scott was one of the most outspoken critics of Mr Keating's sudden privatisation of the Commonwealth Bank as part of a deal to save the State Bank of Victoria.

A sign hanging from his parliament office window reads: Sold, the light on the hill!

He was also upset with the ALP because it had failed to give full support to him and his Japanese-Australian wife when racist attacks were made on both of them during the 1990 election.

He again warned he might resign from the ALP and sit out his remaining months as an independent Labor member.

"I will try very, very hard to remain in the party," Mr Scott said.

Pen pictures of Cabinet changes

John Sydney Dawkins, 44, Treasurer: Son of wealthy Western Australian grazing family. Educated at Scotch College, Perth, Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia and the University of Western Australia, where he graduated in economics. In 1971 he was an unsuccessful Labor candidate in the WA state election. In 1974 he became a member of the Whitlam Government when elected to the WA seat of Tangney, but promptly lost his seat the following year when Malcolm Fraser's Liberals deposed the Labor Government. He went back to Perth as the press officer of the Western Australian Labor Council but was re-elected to Parliament in 1977 to become spokesman on education. In 1983, he was elected to Cabinet as Minister for Finance. Then after the 1984 election he was appointed Minister for Trade and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Youth Affairs. After Susan Ryan was dumped from the portfolio in 1987, Mr Dawkins took over education and amalgamated it with employment and training. He is believed to be a Keating supporter and was promoted yesterday to Treasurer, displacing Ralph Willis.

Kim Christian Beazley, 42, Minister for Employment, Education and Training: Educated at Holywood High School and the University of Western Australia. Like the former Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, he was a Rhodes Scholar for Western Australia and in 1973 left England to complete a degree in international relations and strategic studies at Oxford University. From 1976 to 1980 Mr Beazley tutored in politics at Murdoch University. After an unsuccessful attempt in 1977 to gain endorsement for the safe Labor seat of Fremantle (which his father—a former Education Minister under Gough Whitlam—held for 32 years), Mr Beazley wrested the marginal seat of Swan from the Liberal Party in 1980. He was appointed Minister for Aviation and then Special Minister for State in 1983. He was then appointed Minister Assisting the Minister for Aviation. In 1983 he was given the Defence portfolio. After the 1990 election, Mr Beazley became the Minister for Transport and Communications. He remained there until the June 4 leadership struggle this year, at which point he was moved to Finance. He was known to be close to Mr Hawke and was appointed yesterday to Mr

Richardson—Social Security.

Dr Neal Blewett, 57, Minister for Social Security: Educated at the University of Tasmania where he gained a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Education. A Rhodes Scholar for Tasmania, he completed his philosophy doctorate at Oxford University and returned to Australia in 1964 to lecture in politics at Adelaide University. During this time he pursued an academic career, completing his book *Playford to Dunstan*—a work on South Australian politics. He entered Federal Parliament in 1977 after winning the South Australian seat of Bonnython. In 1980 he became spokesman on health. He was a known supporter of the then Labor leader, Bill Hayden. Dr Blewett was not appointed Minister for Community Services and Health until after the 1984 election. He remained in that portfolio for seven years before being appointed Minister for Trade in April last year. One of his first jobs in that portfolio was to introduce agriculture into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations. A Keating supporter, Dr Blewett was appointed yesterday to

the position held formerly by Graham Richardson—Social Security.

Graham Frederick Richardson, 42, Minister for Transport and Communications: Educated at Marist Brothers High, Kogarah, and Sydney University. Joined the ALP at 16. In 1971 he became a state organizer for the ALP. Six years later he was promoted to general-secretary of the NSW state branch of the party. He has been an ALP national-executive delegate since 1979. Senator Richardson was appointed the new Minister for Social Security after he reportedly "used his factional muscle to bounce" his NSW colleague, Barry Cohen, from the job in 1987. Senator Richardson was appointed to the position of Minister for Social Security after the March 24 election last year, although there were rumours at the time that he would have preferred the transport and communications portfolio, to which he was appointed yesterday by the Prime Minister, Paul Keating.

Ralph Willis, 53, Minister for Finance: Educated at University High School and Melbourne University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce. Worked as research assistant in what is now the Department of Industrial Relations and joined the staff of the ACTU as a research officer in 1960. In 1970, he was appointed the ACTU's industrial advocate. Mr Willis was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 for the inner-city seat of Gellibrand, in Melbourne. From 1976 to 1983 he was instrumental in developing economic, financial and industrial-relations policies as an Opposition spokesman. He was appointed Opposition spokesman for industrial relations from 1976 to 1977 and for economic affairs from 1977 to 1980. From 1980 to 1983 Mr Willis was the Opposition spokesman on Treasury. Since 1983 he has been a senior minister in the Hawke Cabinet and has held several portfolios. On September 2, 1988, he was appointed Minister for Transport and Communications. He was then made Finance Minister but only three weeks ago was promoted to Treasurer. Yesterday he was "handed back" his old finance portfolio.

The Keating ministry

- CABINET**
- Prime Minister: PAUL KEATING.
- Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services: BRIAN HOWE.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Social Justice (Deputy Prime Minister): Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Commonwealth-State Relations
- Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce: Senator JOHN BUTTON.
- (Leader of the Government in the Senate)
- Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade: Senator GARETH EVANS.
- (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)
- Treasurer: JOHN DAWKINS.
- Minister for Finance: RALPH WILLIS.
- Attorney-General: MICHAEL DUFFY.
- Minister for Employment, Education and Training: KIM BEAZLEY.
- (Leader of the House)
- Minister for Social Security: NEAL BLEWETT.
- Minister for Transport and Communications: Senator GRAHAM RICHARDSON.
- (Vice-President of the Executive Council)
- Minister for Defence: Senator ROBERT RAY.
- Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs: GERRY HAND.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories: ROS KELLY.
- Minister for Industrial Relations: Senator PETER COOK.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters
- Minister for Administrative Services: Senator NICK BOLKUS.
- Minister for Primary Industry and Energy: SIMON CREAM.
- Minister for Resources and Minister for Tourism: ALAN GRIFFITHS.
- Minister for Shipping and Aviation: Senator BOB COLLINS.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Northern Australia

- OUTER MINISTRY**
- Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services: PETER STAPLES.
- Minister for Veterans' Affairs: BEN HUMPHREYS.
- Minister for Science and Technology: ROSS FREE.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister
- Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs: DAVID BEDDALL.
- Minister for Trade and Overseas Development: JOHN KERIN.
- Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs: Senator MICHAEL TATE.
- Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services: PETER BBALDWIN.
- Minister assisting the Treasurer
- Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs: ROBERT TICKNER.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Aboriginal Reconciliation
- Minister for Family Support: DAVID SIMMONS.
- Minister for Land Transport: BOB BROWN.
- Minister for Defence Science and Personnel: GORDON BILNEY.
- Minister for Local Government: DAVID SIMMONS.
- Minister for the Arts and Territories: WENDY FATIN.
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women

- PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES**
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister: LAURIE BRERETON.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services: GARY JOHNS.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade: STEPHEN MARTIN.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer: Senator BOB MCMULLAN.
- (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General: PETER DUNCAN.
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A snub for Queensland say state politicians

BRISBANE: Queensland Opposition politicians have slated Prime Minister Paul Keating's new Cabinet as a snub for the State.

Queensland has missed out again on having one of its federal politicians included in the Federal Cabinet.

The state parliamentary Liberal leader, Joan Sheldon, said Mr Keating had "again shown his contempt for Queensland".

The acting state opposition (National Party) leader, Brian Littleproud, said Queensland had been given a "second-rate" status in Canberra.

"We have been on the outer since Bill Hayden left Cabinet to become Governor-General in 1988," Mr Littleproud said.

He said the move was also a "pay-back" for Queensland ALP support for Mr Keating's vanquished rival, Bob Hawke.

Mrs Sheldon said yesterday's announcement was a blow to the premier of Queensland, Wayne Goss.

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