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STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY: MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ON REFORM OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

On 3 September 2009 the Prime Minister announced that an Advisory Group would be established to develop a blueprint for Reform of Australian Government Administration.

The Prime Minister announced at that time that I would Chair the Advisory Group. Today I am pleased to announce the following further members will be added to the Advisory Group:

- Mr Chris Blake, EGM Business Strategy and People, National Australia Bank
- Professor Glyn Davis AC, Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Melbourne
- Ms Jo Evans, Assistant Secretary, Department of Climate Change
- Dr Ken Henry AC, Secretary to the Treasury
- Ms Robyn Kruk AM, Secretary of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
- Ms Carmel McGregor, Acting Australian Public Service Commissioner
- Ms Ann Sherry AO, Chief Executive, Carnival Australia
- Mr Nick Warner PSM, Director-General, Australian Secret Intelligence Service
- Professor Patrick Weller AO, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith University

A short biography of each of the members is attached.

The Advisory Group will develop a reform blueprint by early 2010. The blueprint will be informed and strengthened by the significant experience brought to bear by the members announced today.

The Advisory Group will be informed by the outcomes of a public consultation process to be conducted between now and the end of the year and an international benchmarking study comparing the performance of Australian Government Administration with its overseas counterparts. The Group is also supported by a dedicated project team within this department.

A discussion paper will be released by the end of this month at www.pmc.gov.au/reformgovernment. Submissions will be invited in response to the discussion paper and the public will be able to participate in a number of online discussion forums to inform the blueprint.

Further enquiries can be directed to Russell Egan (02 6271 5437) in the first instance.

Terry Moran

16 September 2009

Mr Chris Blake

Mr Blake was appointed as Executive General Manager, Business Strategy and People, Wholesale Banking, at the National Australia Bank in March 2009. Prior to this he worked in several other senior roles at the NAB. Mr Blake also worked with PriceWaterhouse Coopers for 20 years, the last ten as a Partner. He has a strong professional interest in aligning 'people' strategies with broader business strategies.

Professor Glyn Davis AC

Professor Davis is Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Melbourne. He previously served in a number of public service roles, most recently as Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet in Queensland.

Professor Davis has taught and researched public policy issues, including as a Harkness Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In 2008 he served as co-chair of the Australia 2020 Summit.

Ms Jo Evans

Ms Evans has worked at the Assistant Secretary level in the Department of the Environment and Heritage, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and currently in the International Division of the Department of Climate Change. Prior to joining the APS in 2000 she worked as an Associate for McKinsey & Company, including projects in banking and resource management.

Dr Ken Henry AC

Dr Henry was appointed Secretary to the Treasury in April 2001. He is Chair of the Review into Australia's Future Tax System, member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia and member of the Board of Taxation. He is Australia's Alternate Governor at the IMF. Dr Henry has held a range of positions within Treasury and was Minister (Economic and Financial Affairs) in the Australian delegation to the OECD. He was a senior adviser in the Office of the Treasurer from 1986 to 1991.

Ms Robyn Kruk AM

Ms Kruk is currently Secretary of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. She has served as the Director-General of NSW Health and the Director-General of NSW National Parks and Wildlife. Robyn also held executive positions in both the NSW Cabinet Office and the Department of Premier and Cabinet, including as Director-General of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Ms Carmel McGregor

Ms McGregor is currently Acting Australian Public Service Commissioner. She joined the APS Commission as Deputy Commissioner in November 2008. She has held senior leadership roles in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and Centrelink. Ms McGregor has strong interests in cultural and organisational transformation, leadership strategy and human resource development.

Ms Ann Sherry AO

Ms Sherry is Chief Executive of Carnival Australia, the largest cruise ship operator in the region. Prior to this she was the Chief Executive of Westpac in New Zealand and Chief Executive of the Bank of Melbourne. She also has an extensive public sector background, having been the Head of the Office of the Status of Women in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and having held a number of senior roles in the Victorian Public Service.

Mr Nick Warner PSM

Mr Warner was appointed as the Director-General of ASIS in August 2009. Prior to this he was the Secretary of Defence. Mr Warner has held a number of senior positions in his 30 year career of public service. He was the Senior Adviser (International) to the Prime Minister (2005-2006). Mr Warner has previously held several senior management and policy positions within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Professor Patrick Weller AO

Professor Weller is the Premier of Queensland Chair of Public Management and director of the Centre for Governance and Public Policy at Griffith University. He is the author, co-author or editor of some 36 books on Australian politics and comparative institutions. He recently co-authored a report for the Queensland Government on government boards, commissions and statutory authorities.