



## APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

I, DAVID JOHN HURLEY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to section 64 of the Constitution, hereby appoint MATTHEW JAMES THISTLETHWAITE, a member of the Federal Executive Council, to administer THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE and THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS and THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Pursuant to section 65 of the Constitution, I direct MATTHEW JAMES THISTLETHWAITE to hold the offices of PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE and PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS and PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Signed and sealed with the  
Great Seal of Australia on

1 June 2022

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Governor-General

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By His Excellency's Command

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) Prime Minister





PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MS22-000637

The Honourable Matthew Thistlethwaite MP  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Parliamentary Secretary

*Math,*

As you would be aware, the instruments of appointment for Assistant Ministers refer to them as Parliamentary Secretaries. This is because of the requirements of the *Ministers of State Act 1952*. However, you should and can use the titles of Assistant Minister for Defence, Assistant Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Assistant Minister for the Republic in all your official duties, including in the exercise of executive and statutory powers and in your parliamentary activities.

If there is ever any question about whether you were acting as a Parliamentary Secretary when using your Assistant Minister title, this letter could be used as evidence that you are able to use your Assistant Minister title when performing that office. It may therefore be useful for the Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs, and the Attorney-General's Department to retain copies of this letter.

There may also be circumstances (e.g. in cases where the exercise of statutory powers is frequently contested) when you choose to use your Parliamentary Secretary title, as well as your Assistant Minister title, so as to avoid any dispute and any risk of invalidity.

Yours sincerely

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

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