

From: s 22(1)(a)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 1:25:41 PM

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 12:34 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: Re: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I confirm that all the appointment instruments, affirmations and oaths you provided me were delivered.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent from my iPad

On 16 Nov 2021, at 10:23 am, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pmc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au)> wrote:

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Can you please confirm you distributed those appointment instruments, affirmation and oaths?

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 3:58 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pm.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pm.gov.au)>

Subject: RE: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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OK great, I'll see you in about 20 minutes.

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 3:57 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pmc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au)>

Subject: RE: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Yes, that is fine

s 22(1)(a)(ii) Assistant Adviser

Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii) does it suit you for me to bring them now?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 3:55 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office
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H s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Fantastic. I would appreciate if you could bring them by the Office and I will drop them off, thank you!

s 22(1)(a)(ii) Assistant Adviser

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e. s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pmc.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 3:52 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I've got all the instruments, oaths and affirmation from the swearing-in on 8 October ready and co-signed by the Governor-General.

I am, of course, happy to distribute them by hand myself to the Ministers' offices, but wanted to check with you if you would like me to bring them to you to deliver.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 20 October 2021 12:56 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pmc.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

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Excellent, thank you.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@mc.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 20 October 2021 12:25 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[redacted]@pm.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Deliver of Original Appointment Instruments and Oaths of Office
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Hi s 22(1)(a)
(ii)

Thank you for letting me know. We received Mr Morton's Oath of Office about an hour ago. I'll take them out to Government House for co-signing by the Governor-General and once that has been done I will bring them all up to the House.

Warm regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pm.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pm.gov.au)>

Sent: Wednesday, 20 October 2021 12:10 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pmc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au)>

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s 22(1)(a)
(ii)

Thank you for delivering the originals of the appointment instruments and oaths of office from the July 2021 swearing-in ceremony.

Confirming in writing that all documentation has been delivered to the respective ministerial offices.

Regards,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

| Assistant Adviser

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [Rush, Peter](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Gazette - Morrison Ministry 8 October 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 8 October 2021 1:39:04 PM
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[image005.jpg](#)
[image009.png](#)
[image006.jpg](#)

Thank you Peter s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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From: Rush, Peter [mailto:Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 1:24 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Gazette - Morrison Ministry 8 October 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mr Morton will also be revoked as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Public Service. I have tracked changes in the attached version.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Let me know if you have any queries or concerns.

Cheers,

Peter Rush | Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary and Government Branch
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The Department acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and emerging Elders and Traditional Custodians of Country, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@pmc.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au)>

Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 1:03 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@gg.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@gg.gov.au)>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) @pmc.gov.au>; Rush, Peter <Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Gazette - Morrison Ministry 8 October 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)

Thanks for consulting – that looks fine to me.

With thanks

s 22(1)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @gg.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 12:49 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @pmc.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @gg.gov.au>

Subject: Gazette - Morrison Ministry 8 October 2021 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find attached draft Gazette notice for your clearance.

Once cleared, I will lodge after today's ceremony.

Thank you

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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To: [Flinders, Jillian](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii); [Rush, Peter](#); [Reid, John](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: New Ministerial changes [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Friday, 8 October 2021 4:54:08 PM
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[image002.jpg](#)

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Hi Jillian

Apologies for the delay – much to do.

Below is what will appear in a Gazette arranged by Government House, which might be useful for you.

His Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified, for general information, that:

a) He has revoked the appointments of:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- The Hon Ben Morton MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Public Service and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

c) He has made the following appointments:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- The Hon Ben Morton MP as Minister for the Public Service and Special Minister of State; and

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

In addition, Mr Morton will also be known as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister and Cabinet,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy to provide any further information, of course.

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[REDACTED]@finance.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 10:13 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Rush, Peter

<Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>; Reid, John <John.Reid@pmc.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: New Ministerial changes [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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Thanks Alex

And just to confirm the new titles will be :

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

III. THE HONOURABLE BEN MORTON as SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER FOR THE
PUBLIC SERVICE and MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cheers

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Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 10:03 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc:

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Rush, Peter

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: New Ministerial changes [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, I've copied the text from the proposed revocation instrument, as signed by the Prime Minister, below for your information. Please note this has not yet been signed by the Governor-General and no action should be taken until this has happened. I expect to confirm this after the swearing-in ceremony which is planned to 2pm this afternoon.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

III. THE HONOURABLE BEN MORTON as PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER and PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE and PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE

I'm happy to discuss any of this further with you.

Warm regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @finance.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 8 October 2021 9:38 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: New Ministerial changes [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Grateful if you could please provide us with an update – we understand that some of the Ministers who are having additional responsibilities added to their current Ministerial position are of the view that they will have their current positions revoked (which is a trigger for termination of their personal staff) and then will be re-sworn in. Grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible, so that we can inform staff if necessary.

Happy to discuss

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 2:43 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: New Ministerial changes [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
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H s 22(1)
(a)(ii)

As discussed, grateful if you could provide us with any further information about the appointments announced today by the Prime Minister, including when it is expected that the Governor-General will sign an instrument of these appointments.

Please let me know how I can be of further assistance.

Many thanks,

s 22(1)
(a)(ii)



s 22(1)(a)(ii)

HR Policy and Assurance
HR Frameworks Branch
Ministerial and Parliamentary Services
Department of Finance

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

§ One Canberra Avenue, Forrest ACT 2603

Please note that I work part-time and leave at 2pm Mondays and Thursdays.

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PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MS21-001600

8 OCT 2021

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Your Excellency

I write to recommend changes to the Ministry and to provide the documents necessary to implement the changes, for your consideration.

In order to facilitate the proposed appointments, I first recommend you revoke the current appointments of ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted] one Assistant Minister. The list of proposed revocations is at Attachment A.

The list of four recommended ministerial appointments is at Attachment B ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted]
^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted]

Instruments to give effect to these recommendations are attached for your signature.

I understand you have agreed to schedule the swearing-in ceremony by video link from Government House at 2:00pm on Friday 8 October 2021, and I would like to thank you and your staff for your ongoing assistance.


Yours sincerely
^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)} [redacted]

SCOTT MORRISON

Attachment A

List of ministerial revocations

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



- The Hon Ben Morton MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance

Attachment B

List of ministerial appointments

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- The Hon Ben Morton MP as Minister for the Public Service and Special Minister of State

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



REVOCATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF MINISTERS OF STATE

I, DAVID JOHN HURLEY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to section 64 of the Constitution, hereby revoke the appointments of:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- iii. THE HONOURABLE BEN MORTON as PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER and PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE and PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE

Given under my hand on 8 October 2021

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Prime Minister



APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER OF STATE

I, DAVID JOHN HURLEY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to sections 64 and 65 of the Constitution, hereby direct and appoint BEN MORTON, a member of the Federal Executive Council, to hold the offices of MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE and SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE and to administer the DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET and THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on
8 October 2021

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



Prime Minister



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8 October 2021

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Prime Minister



Oath of Office

I, BEN MORTON, do swear that I will well and truly serve the people of Australia in the offices of MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE and SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Australia.

So help me God!

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sworn and subscribed before me,
the Governor-General of the
Commonwealth of Australia,
at Canberra, on 8 October 2021

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Contact details - ahead of Virtual Swearing-In Ceremony - 1400, 8 October [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 7 October 2021 4:44:22 PM
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks so much for this.

Can you please send through the email that was sent to PMO (I still don't have that one yet) and can you advise who will be the best point of contact from the PMs office for tomorrow.

I have not heard from anyone there yet which is unusual.

Thanks in advance.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED] pmc.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 4:40 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Contact details - ahead of Virtual Swearing-In Ceremony - 1400, 8 October [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have confirmed with each office they have received the Oath of Office/Affirmations as well as the details ahead of the testing and ceremony tomorrow afternoon.

Please see below a quick snap shot capturing best contact numbers ahead of tomorrow:

| Office | Contact Name | Contact Number |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| s 22(1)(a)(ii) | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| Morton | s 22(1)(a)(ii) | [REDACTED] |
| s 22(1)(a)(ii) | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

Please let me know if there is any further I can assist with.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii) [REDACTED] dviser

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To: ben.morton.mp@pmc.gov.au s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Govt Section: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Details for Virtual Swearing-in Ceremony (incl. tech rehearsal) - Friday 8 October 2021 - Morton [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Thursday, 7 October 2021 4:37:18 PM
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Hi All,

As discussed with s 22(1)(a)(ii) Titles such as 'Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for...' are not formal Ministries appointed by the Governor-General. They are additional titles provided by the Prime Minister from time to time to a Minister. The title appears on the Ministry List, and can be used on letter head etc, but are not formally appointed and are not part of the Oath or Affirmation of Office.

During the Ceremony on Friday the Prime Minister will introduce Mr Morton as follows:

- **The Honourable Ben Morton MP** as Minister for the Public Service and Special Minister of State
- Mr Morton will also be known as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister and Cabinet

s 22(1)(a)(ii) cc'd into this email) is available to talk this through more fully any time.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii) Adviser

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From s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 3:51 PM

To: 'ben.morton.mp' s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Govt Section

Subject: RE: Details for Virtual Swearing-in Ceremony (incl. tech rehearsal) - Friday 8 October 2021 - Morton [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see attached the Oath of Office for The Hon Ben Morton MP ahead of tomorrow's ceremony.

Mr Morton MP will be sworn in third, following s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further ahead of tomorrow.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii) Adviser

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 5:32 PM

To: 'ben.morton.mp@' s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: Details for Virtual Swearing-in Ceremony (incl. tech rehearsal) - Friday 8 October 2021 - Morton [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

This email is to provide you with important information for the virtual swearing-in ceremony this Friday 8 October 2021.

1. Logistics for the virtual swearing-in ceremony
2. Instructions for printing, reading and signing the Oath of Office
3. Details for a pre-ceremony technical rehearsal at 11:45am (AEDT) on Friday 8 October 2021
4. Point of contact for technical support and request for appointee's contact number
5. Actions required after the ceremony

1. Logistics of the virtual swearing-in ceremony

Date: Friday 8 October 2021

Time: 1:50pm for an **2:00pm start**. The ceremony will conclude at approximately 3:00pm

Dress: Lounge suit/day dress

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Please find attached instructions and advice for accessing and using the Webex videoconferencing system.

All participants will be held in a waiting room before being admitted to the main conference/official ceremony. The waiting room will open from 1:45pm. Once the event starts at 2:00pm, all appointees should have their camera on and microphone muted until they hear their name from the Governor-General, i.e. "Mr Taylor, I invite you to...". The order in which appointees will be sworn in is attached for your reference during the ceremony.

Appointees may attend the ceremony from any suitable and convenient location which may include their APH office, electorate office or personal residence. Appointees may wish to give consideration to the lighting, noise and staging of their location, particularly if they will not be in an official office environment.

The Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and all ministerial appointees will attend the ceremony virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2. Instructions for printing, reading and signing the Oath

Please note that **a copy of the Oath** and the **order in which appointees will be sworn** will be emailed to you separately in advance of the ceremony.

As you are aware, you will be required to swear the **Oath of Office**. Please follow the instructions below.

1. The Oath must be printed on plain white/cream A4 paper prior to the ceremony and remain unsigned.

2. The appointee must have the printed Oath, their Bible or Holy Book and a pen, in front of them during the ceremony, preferably all in view of the camera, if possible. *Camera angles will be tested at the technical rehearsal.*
3. At the ceremony, the Prime Minister will call the appointee's name, at which point the appointee will be visible on screen at Government House.
4. The Governor-General will then invite the appointee to swear the Oath, at which point the appointee should unmute their microphone.
5. When called, the appointee must read the entire Oath aloud from the first sentence ("I, [name]...") and including the last sentence ("So help me God!").
6. The appointee must then sign the Oath on the first dotted line and hold it up to the camera.
7. The Governor-General will then congratulate the appointee, after which the appointee should mute their microphone.

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Please use the WebEx link provided above to join the technical rehearsal.

All appointees or a representative are strongly encouraged to join this technical rehearsal. Please join the rehearsal on the device that the appointee will be using for the actual ceremony to ensure any issues can be resolved before the ceremony.

4. Point of contact for technical support

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will be supporting the test run at 11:45am on Friday morning (this will run for approx. 15 minutes) and is available to answer any technical questions. If you have not already done so, please provide a relevant mobile phone number by return email to me (either for the Minister themselves or a staffer that will be with them) for ^{s 22(1)(a)}(ii) to use in the unlikely event of any technical difficulties.

5. Actions after the ceremony

Following the ceremony, the signed Oath must be **couriered to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet** to arrange the Governor-General's signature.

It is important the Oath is kept as pristine as possible. Please package the signed Oath in a protective sleeve, preferably with cardboard and a "do not bend" instruction on the envelope. We would be grateful if the Oath could be couriered ASAP.

Please address the package as follows:

Attention: ^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

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And finally, should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact me on the details below or at s 22(1)(a)(ii) Alternatively, please contact s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Kind regards

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 3:13 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: RE: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies, I had sent through earlier this morning but it may have been a classification issue. Please see attached all required documents.

Let me or Alex know if you require anything else.

Grateful for you to confirm receipt of these documents.

Kind regards

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Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 3:00 PM

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Subject: RE: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A quick follow up to see if you can send through the emails sent to s 22(1)(a)(ii) and Morton, and a copy of the email to PMO regarding tomorrow's arrangements.

Also, do you have a copy of the final instrument/oaths.

If you could please send these through as soon as possible (unclassified please as we cannot accept protected or above).

Many thanks in advance.

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 2:52 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 4:42 PM

To [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@gg.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@gg.gov.au)

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Dear [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@gg.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@gg.gov.au)

Many thanks for these, I will start preparing our briefing accordingly.

We will aim to have the WebEx links for the trail, and ceremony itself through to you tomorrow morning.

With kind regards

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As discussed earlier today, I've attached a draft letter from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General proposing changes to the Ministry for the swearing in on Friday.

We will have drafts of the other instruments ready for your information in the next day or so.

With thanks and happy to discuss any of the arrangements.

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Subject: RE: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=PROTECTED]
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Brilliant, thank s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 7 October 2021 11:28 AM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=PROTECTED]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see attached emails that went to s 22(1)(a)(ii) Morton offices. Both these offices have responded with confirmation and the appropriate contact numbers.

Also, s 22(1)(a)(ii) discussed arrangements with the PMO yesterday and forwarded you the information we provided to them as an FYI, I have also attached.

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Subject: RE: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks for these, I will start preparing our briefing accordingly.

We will aim to have the WebEx links for the trail, and ceremony itself through to you tomorrow morning.

With kind regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 4:22 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @gg.gov.au

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Subject: Draft letter and revocation instrument [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed earlier today, I've attached a draft letter from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General proposing changes to the Ministry for the swearing in on Friday.

We will have drafts of the other instruments ready for your information in the next day or so.

With thanks and happy to discuss any of the arrangements.

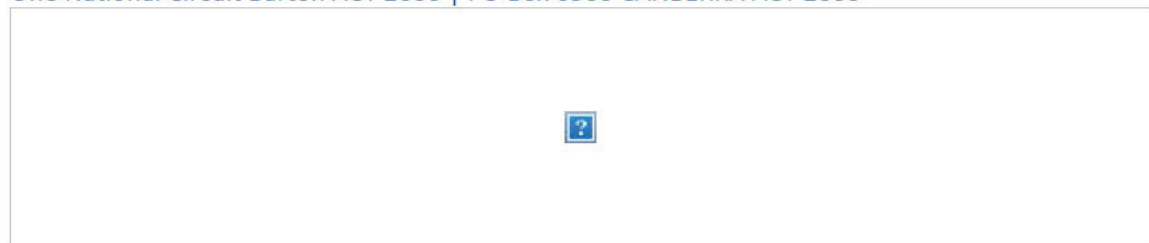
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From: [DLO Morton](#)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a) [DLO Morton](#)
Subject: Request: Written advice regarding swearing-in ceremony [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 10:19:19 AM

OFFICIAL

Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for your call yesterday and welcome back to PM&C!

Please may you provide written confirmation that the virtual swearing-in will take place at 2pm AEDT this Friday 8 October?

Our Office is yet to receive any advice in writing, so our diary manager would like this confirmed.

It would be great if an invite could be sent to ben.morton.mp s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii) Departmental Liaison Officer

Office of the Hon Ben Morton MP

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

To: Prime Minister (for signature ahead of the swearing-in on 30 March 2021)

CHANGES TO THE MINISTRY

Recommendations - that you:

1. Approve the final Ministry List (Attachment A) for publication after the swearing-in
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Approved / Not Approved

2. Sign the letter (Attachment C) recommending changes to the Ministry to the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd).

Signed / Not Signed

3. Sign the following letters and instruments:

- a. revoking existing ministerial appointments (Attachment D);

- b. appointing new Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Attachment E);
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- d. appointing the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Hon Ben Morton MP, to administer the Global Business and Talent Attraction Taskforce within the Department of Home Affairs;

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Signed / Not Signed

4. Note the speaking points for the Ceremony at Attachment I.

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Noted

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Date:

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Comments: (V

Key Points:

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3. In order to implement your decisions about the Ministry, the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), has agreed a swearing-in ceremony, to be held remotely by video-link, commencing at 2.00pm AEDT Tuesday 30 March 2021.
 - a. It is proposed that you will attend Government House, Canberra at 1.50 pm, to meet with the Governor-General prior to conducting the ceremony in-person with the Governor-General, with the appointees making their oaths by video-link.
4. Prior to the ceremony you will need to sign:
 - a. The letter to the Governor-General recommending the new Ministry (Attachment C),
 - b. The instrument of revocation (Attachment D), and
 - c. The instruments of appointment (Attachment E).
5. At the ceremony, you will need to announce each of the Ministers present by video-link to be sworn in by the Governor-General.
 - a. Talking points for the ceremony are at Attachment J.

Other Ministry appointment matters

6. We have prepared other documents to enable:
 - a. Assistant Minister Morton to administer the Global Business and Talent Attraction Taskforce (the Taskforce) within the Department of Home Affairs, which you have

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previously agreed on 9 March 2021 and is reflected in the Assistant Minister's charter letter (MS21-000031 refers).

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7. In order to enable the Assistant Ministers to perform their duties with regard to the aforementioned Taskforce s 22(1)(a)(ii) it is necessary to appoint them to administer:
- a. in the case of Assistant Minister Morton, the Department of Home Affairs, in addition to PM&C and the Department of Finance.

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9. Therefore, it is recommended that you advise the Governor-General that Assistant Minister Morton s 22(1)(a)(ii) do not need to be formally sworn in at the virtual ceremony on Tuesday 30 March 2021, noting that their titles will not change as a result of the minor administrative changes being made to their responsibilities.
- a. We consulted the Official Secretary to the Governor-General who supports this approach.

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Assistant Minister titles

13. Due to requirements of the *Ministers of State Act 1952*, the instrument of appointment for Assistant Ministers refers to the position as Parliamentary Secretary.

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After the ceremony

15. After the ceremony, PM&C will:

- a. publish the final Ministry List at Attachment A, once approved by you, online on the PM&C website;
- b. distribute the instruments of appointment and other appointment documentation.

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John Reid
First Assistant Secretary
30 March 2021

Policy Officer: Peter Rush
Phone no: 02 6271 5909

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ATTACHMENTS

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C LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

D INSTRUMENT OF REVOCATION

E INSTRUMENTS OF APPOINTMENT

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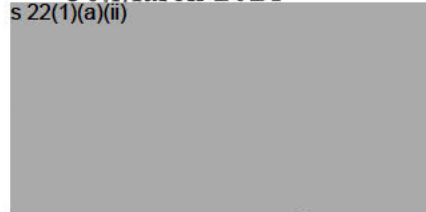
APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

I, DAVID JOHN HURLEY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to section 64 of the Constitution, hereby appoint BEN MORTON, a member of the Federal Executive Council, to administer THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS.



Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia on
30 March 2021

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MS21-000495

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

20/3/21

Your Excellency

I write to recommend changes to the Ministry and to provide the documents necessary to implement the changes, for your consideration.

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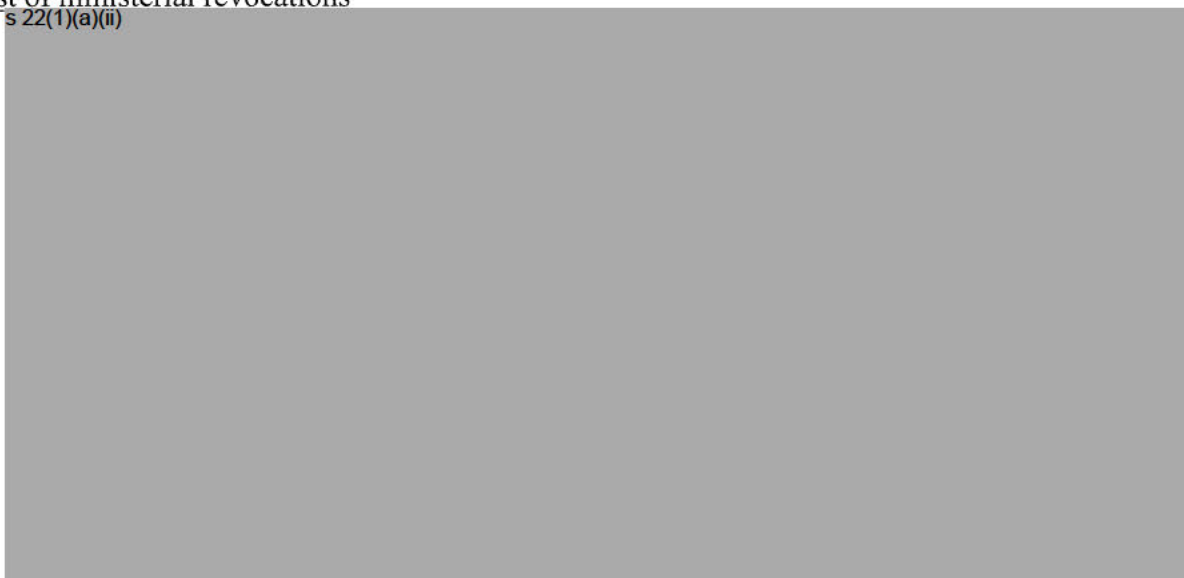
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Attachment A

List of ministerial revocations
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Attachment B

List of ministerial appointments

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- The Hon Ben Morton MP to administer the Department of Home Affairs

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: [Rush, Peter](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii); [Reid, John](#)
Subject: RE: Drafts for tomorrow [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 29 March 2021 10:29:42 PM
Attachments: [Letter to the Governor-General.docx](#)
[Instrument of Revocation.docx](#)
[Speaking Notes for the Prime Minister - Swearing in Ceremony 30 March 2021.docx](#)
[The Hon Ben Morton - Instrument of Appointment.docx](#)
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies, the order of Ministers in the previous versions was incorrect – and instruments for Mr Morton s 22(1)(a)(ii) have been amended – these versions are the latest and will (hopefully) be the finals.

Thanks and please get in touch if you have any questions.

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 29 March 2021 8:11 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Rush, Peter; s 22(1)(a)(ii); Reid, John
Subject: Drafts for tomorrow [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For your information, I've attached the draft letter from the Prime Minister to the Governor-General, the draft instrument of revocation and speaking notes for the Prime Minister, and draft appointment instruments for your reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards

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Attachment A


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Attachment B


List of ministerial appointments

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- The Hon Ben Morton MP to administer the Department of Home Affairs

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To: ["Singer, Paul"](#)
Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 12 March 2021 10:25:38 AM
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Thanks Paul

From: Singer, Paul
Sent: Friday, 12 March 2021 10:00 AM
To: Rush, Peter
Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]
 Good morning Peter,
 This will be fine, happy to resolve the administrative arrangements for both Ministers Morton and Landry in the same correspondence.
 With best wishes,
 Paul



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From: Rush, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 4:21 PM
To: Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Cc: [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [mc.gov.au](#)>
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Paul: a related matter has arisen today. The PM has asked Assistant Minister Morton to have oversight of the Global Talents Taskforce, located in the Department of Home Affairs. This would require Mr Morton being sworn to administer the Dept of Home Affairs. If you agree, we can aim to incorporate this change of arrangements in the same correspondence between PM and GG as that for [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Cheers - Rush

From: Rush, Peter
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 11:37 AM
To: 'Singer, Paul' <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Many thanks Paul

Cheers - Rush

From: Singer, Paul <Paul.Singer@gg.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 11:31 AM
To: Rush, Peter <Peter.Rush@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: Ministerial arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Peter,

Thanks for your time yesterday, good to catch-up.

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With best wishes,

Paul



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