

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, by Commission under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of Australia dated 19 July 2016, appointed me, the Honourable Linda Dessau, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor of the State of Victoria, to administer the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in the event of the absence out of Australia or the death, incapacity or removal of the Governor-General for the time being, or in the event of the Governor‑General having temporarily absented himself from office for any reason:

And whereas the Governor-General is from today absent out of Australia:

Now let it be known that, having taken the prescribed oaths, I have this day assumed the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

 Signed and sealed with the

 Great Seal of Australia

 on 22 February 2018

 Linda Dessau

 Administrator

By His Excellency’s Command

Malcolm Turnbull

Prime Minister