

**PERSONALIA**

**His Excellency Gordon S. Reid**

Professor Gordon Reid has resigned his appointment as a Member of the Administrative Review Council to take up his position as Governor of Western Australia. At the time of his appointment to the Council in 1981, Professor Reid was Professor of Politics at the University of Western Australia.

**The Hon G.E. Fitzgerald**

The Hon G.E. Fitzgerald, formerly a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, has resigned his position as a Presidential Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He had been appointed to the Tribunal in 1981.

**Mr B.E. Fleming**

Mr Fleming, one of the longest serving members of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, has retired. Formerly First Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions Division, Commonwealth Treasury, Mr Fleming was first appointed to the Tribunal in March 1977.

**Dr Colin Hughes**

Following his appointment as the Electoral Commissioner, Dr Hughes has resigned his appointment as a part-time Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He had been appointed to the Tribunal in 1983. At the time of his appointment Dr Hughes was a Professorial Fellow in Political Science at the Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University.

**Mr John Kiosoglous, M.B.E.**

Mr J. Kiosoglous, has been appointed a full-time Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. A leading member of the Greek community in Adelaide, Mr Kiosoglous has been a Stipendiary Magistrate since 1973 and more recently a magistrate in the Adelaide Children's Court.

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Commonwealth Administrative Law  
to be Reviewed

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The Attorney-General, Senator Gareth Evans, QC, has signalled the Government's intention to conduct a major series of reviews of administrative law. In a speech to the Tasmanian Society of Labor Lawyers in October, the Attorney-General made it clear that, although the new administrative law was in no danger of being dismantled, the reviews were necessary for two reasons. Firstly, because the central institutions - apart from the Ombudsman - had not previously been subject to an intensive study or review. Secondly, new areas of development in administrative law were promised. The areas which the Attorney-General identified as areas where change would be considered were:

. AAT. An objective study of the AAT would be commenced in 1985. The need for the study, the Attorney-General said, arose out of the Tribunal's continually increasing caseload which had placed new demands on the management of the Tribunal.

. AD(JR) Act. At the request of the Attorney-General the Administrative Review Council had already begun the first full review of the AD(JR) Act. A report was anticipated sometime in the new year.

. Compensation. The power of the courts and tribunals to award compensation for unlawful or wrong administrative actions and decisions was limited. Senator Evans said that the AAT - which has no general power to award compensation - would be considered as a possible avenue for the award of compensation.

The Attorney-General also singled out the practising legal profession and law teachers for not bringing themselves adequately up to date with the new administrative law. Interchanges between government on the one hand and the private profession and universities on the other hand were welcomed by him as a means of improving awareness.