



SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

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The Hon Alexander Downer MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs

The Hon Tim Fischer MP
Minister for Trade

Dear Ministers,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the 1997-98 Annual Report of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, pursuant to the *Public Service Act 1922*.

In presenting the Annual Report, I should like to pay tribute to the professional and dedicated work of the Department's staff, both in Australia and overseas. I wish to record my appreciation of their efforts in a year of considerable change. I should also like to acknowledge the important contribution of my predecessor, Philip Flood, who served as Secretary until April 1998.

Yours sincerely,

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