



## Ministerial Submission

Cleared by:

Date sent to MO: PLE to complete

Action Requested By: 5 June 2025

Reason for Urgency: To meet timeframes  
for ExCo submission.

FOR: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

### Appointment

**Key Issues:** I seek your formal agreement to nominate the Hon Stephen Jones to the role of Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

#### Recommendation:

That you:

- a) **agree** to the nomination of the Hon Stephen Jones as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD.
- b) **sign** the attached letter from you to the Prime Minister setting out this nomination (**Attachment A**).

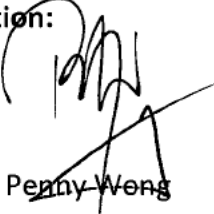
#### Decision:

Agreed / Not Agreed

Signed / Not Signed

#### Domestic/Media Considerations: Nil

Action:

  
Penny Wong

4/6/25

From: Craig Maclachlan, Acting Secretary

Contact: Natalie Roche

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Can this proposal be funded from within your existing divisional allocation (departmental/aid)? Not Applicable

If the proposal high risk/high value (over \$100m) concept has been approved by the Development Program Committee? Not Applicable

Consultation: Nil

**Background:**

I seek your formal agreement to the nomination of the Hon Stephen Jones as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (HOM Paris OECD).

2. The most recent HOM Paris OECD, Brendan Pearson, concluded his appointment in February 2025.

3. Mr Jones recently retired from the Australian Parliament, following 15 years of service as the Member for Whitlam. He most recently served as Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services and was a member of the Expenditure Review Committee (2022-2025). Mr Jones also brings experience in Shadow Ministerial positions across Financial Services, Health, Communications, Infrastructure and Regional Services portfolios, as well as serving as Shadow Assistant Treasurer. Mr Jones has been a member of several parliamentary committees, including on economics, tax and revenue, infrastructure and communications, regional development and the constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. His experience in government equips him well to serve in a senior diplomatic role and advance Australia's interests with the OECD.

4. Mr Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts (History and Politics) from the University of Wollongong and a Bachelor of Law from Macquarie University.

5. Mr Jones has advised that he is not aware of any personal or professional factors that would affect the acceptability of his appointment as HOM Paris OECD.

6. This nomination would not change the gender composition of HOM/HOP overseas appointments as the previous incumbent was also male.

7. I have provided a letter from you to the Prime Minister setting out this nomination (**Attachment A**), should you wish to consult with him.

8. Your approval of this submission will enable the appointment to be considered promptly by the Federal Executive Council.



**Senator the Hon Penny Wong**  
**Minister for Foreign Affairs**

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

04 JUN 2025

Dear Prime Minister

I propose to seek Federal Executive Council approval for the appointment of the Hon Stephen Jones to the role Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Mr Jones recently retired from the Australian Parliament, following 15 years of service as the Member for Whitlam. He most recently served as Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services and was a member of the Expenditure Review Committee (2022-2025). His experience in government equips him well to serve in a senior diplomatic role and advance Australia's interests with the OECD. Mr Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts (History and Politics) from the University of Wollongong and a Bachelor of Law from Macquarie University.

Subject to any views you may have, I propose to submit this nomination to the Federal Executive Council for its consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Penny Wong', written over a printed name.

**PENNY WONG**

## Ministerial Submission

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cleared by: Jan Adams

Date sent to MO: 6 June 2025

Action Requested By: 12 June 2025

Reason for Urgency: To enable Mr Jones to commence pre-posting preparations within agreed timeframes.

FOR: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

### Engagement to APS

**Key Issues:** I seek your agreement to engage the Hon Stephen Jones as an Australian Public Service employee in order to take up his appointment to Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). This engagement would be subject to the Federal Executive Council agreeing to Mr Jones' appointment to this position.

#### Recommendation:

That you:

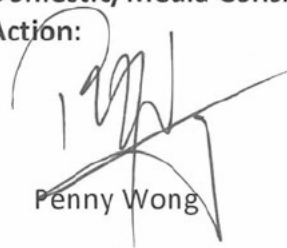
- a) **agree**, subject to the Federal Executive Council appointing the Hon Stephen Jones as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD, to the engagement of Mr Jones to the APS, as required by Section 39 of the Public Service Act 1999, in order for him take up this appointment.

#### Decision:

Agreed / Not Agreed

#### Domestic/Media Considerations: Nil

Action:

  
Penny Wong

11/16/25

From: Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary

Contact: Natalie Roche

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Can this proposal be funded from within your existing divisional allocation (departmental/aid)? Not Applicable

If the proposal high risk/high value (over \$100m) concept has been approved by the Development Program Committee? Not Applicable

Consultation: Nil



**Background:**

Section 39 of the *Public Service Act 1999* provides that a Head of Mission cannot take up their appointment unless they are an APS employee and that I must comply with your direction to engage a particular person as an APS employee so that they can take up this appointment.

2. Consistent with the Act and subject to the Federal Executive Council's appointment of the Hon Stephen Jones to the position of Ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (HOM Paris OECD), I seek your agreement to engage Mr Jones as an APS employee.

3. I anticipate Mr Jones would join the department in June 2025 to undertake preparations prior to commencing as HOM Paris OECD in August 2025. He would be remunerated at the SES Band 2 level for the duration of his employment with the department.

**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Stephen Jones - short CV [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Monday, 21 July 2025 4:50:31 PM  
**Attachments:** [CV - OECD.docx](#)

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Director  
SES HOM Services Section  
People Operations Branch | People Division  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 May 2025 1:04 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; Natalie Roche <Natalie.Roche@dfat.gov.au>;  
s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Stephen Jones - short CV [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello

See attached CV for Mr Jones. Would you mind updating the minsub? I am happy for you to contact Mr Jones to confirm no COI issues.

Tks

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 May 2025 9:31 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Anna Oldmeadow <Anna.Oldmeadow@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Stephen Jones - short CV [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

CV for Stephen Jones attached.

Thanks

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COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENT OF  
AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRALIA  
TO THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in the exercise of all powers me thereunto enabling, appoint

**THE HONOURABLE STEPHEN PATRICK JONES**

to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris on and from such day as is determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Signed and Sealed with the  
Great Seal of Australia on  
2025

Sam Mostyn AC  
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Penny Wong  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Secretary to the Federal Executive Council

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

- Minister for Foreign Affairs

Subject- *The Constitution*

Termination of Appointment and Commission of Appointment of Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris

The purpose of this instrument is to make a diplomatic appointment.

The power to appoint Australian diplomatic and consular representatives is exercisable by the Governor-General by virtue of Chapter II of the *Constitution* which provides, among other things, that the executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in the King and is exercisable by the Governor-General.

The Minute recommends the termination of the appointment of Brendan Michael Pearson as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, from a date to be determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the appointment of The Honourable Stephen Patrick Jones as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD in Paris. The Minute also seeks authority for the Minister for Foreign Affairs to determine the salary, allowances and other terms and conditions to apply to this appointment.

Mr Jones is expected to take up his position in August 2025, succeeding Mr Pearson who was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD in Paris since 2021.

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Mr Jones was the Member for Whitlam from 2010 until his recent retirement in May 2025. He was also Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services (2022-2025); Member, Expenditure Review Committee (2022-2025); Shadow Assistant Treasurer and Shadow Minister for Financial Services (2019-2022); and various other Shadow Ministerial appointments (2013-2019).

Mr Jones has been a Member, Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network (2016-2019); Member, House of Representatives Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation (2017-2018); Member, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue (2013-2014); Member, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications (2010-2014); Member, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics (2010-2013); and a Member, Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform (2010-2013).

Mr Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts, University of Wollongong (1988) and a Bachelor of Law, Macquarie University (2003).

Mr Jones is suitable for appointment as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD in Paris by virtue of his prior experience and relevant background.

Mr Jones's curriculum vitae is attached.

The Minute recommends that the appointment be made in the form proposed.

Authority: Chapter II of the *Constitution*

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: The Honourable Stephen Patrick Jones

Address: c/- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Date of birth: 29 June 1965

Present position: Recently retired from the Australian Parliament

Educational and professional qualifications: 1988: Bachelor of Arts, University of Wollongong  
2003: Bachelor of Law, Macquarie University

Relevant language skills: Nil

Relevant experience: 2010 – 2025: Federal Parliamentarian (Member for Whitlam)  
2022 – 2025: Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services  
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2013 – 2014: Member, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue  
2010 – 2014: Member, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications  
2010 – 2013: Member, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics  
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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 June 2025 12:40 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Anna Oldmeadow  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent appointment for Exco - Paris OECD [SEC=PROTECTED]

[REDACTED]

s 22(1)(a)(ii), Anna,

Exco have advised, they are scheduled to deliver the final pack to Government House tomorrow, so would need to receive the scanned signed papers today.

In this instance they would be comfortable to print the scanned signed papers on parchment and, if the quality is acceptable, use that version for the Governor-General's signature at ExCo.

This would be ideal as it will avoid the logistical issues of receiving the papers from Adelaide and potentially delaying delivery of documents to Government House.

Please let us know if you see any problems with this (none on our end) and if acceptable, please ensure the papers are scanned cleanly and straight to ensure optimum quality.

Thanks again.

Kind regards

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 June 2025 12:11 PM  
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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Anna Oldmeadow <Anna.Oldmeadow@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Urgent appointment for Exco - Paris OECD [REDACTED]  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

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



Thanks so much for assisting with another urgent Exco appointment.

Please see attached cleared papers for The Honourable Stephen Patrick Jones as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris for printing and signing.

All papers to be printed in black and white.

ExCo papers for printing

- Print the Minute, Explanatory Memorandum and CV documents onto normal paper (single sided)
- Print the Commission of Appointment on special bonded paper (if no bonded paper, paper that is thicker than normal paper is preferred – an embossed seal is added to this document and if printed on normal paper is subject to tearing)
- Place a “Sign Here” sticker on the bottom of the Minute and the Commission of Appointment
- Place an “Initial Here” sticker on the bottom of the Explanatory Memorandum and at the bottom of the CV

The papers are presented in the order below

- Minute
- Commission of Appointment
- Explanatory Memorandum
- CV

**Please do not date any of the exco papers.**

Signed copies

- Can you please scan the signed documents, ensuring they are perfectly aligned
- Please scan in colour

Given we have special exemption from Exco for late submission, could you please email the signed documents to me as soon as signed and I will send to Exco to satisfy initial requirements.

I am not sure what the arrangement is in terms of getting the original documents back but I suspect they will be happy for you to bring the original papers back on your return flight to Canberra and deliver to Branko Ananijevski (AS, Legal Information Integrity, PM&C s 22(1)(a)(ii)). I will investigate this more and let you know but for now if you can email back once signed that would be fantastic.

Thank so much and let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 June 2025 4:32 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** Anna Oldmeadow  
**Subject:** ExCo papers - appointment [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025-06-0516-01-40-388.pdf;  
s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025-06-0516-01-49-206.pdf;  
s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025-06-0516-02-12-534.pdf;  
s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025-06-0516-02-22-120.pdf;  
s 22(1)(a)(ii) 2025-06-0516-02-00-922.pdf

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

FM signed papers attached. Let me know if any need re scanning.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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## Ministerial Submission

**FOR: SENATOR WONG  
(FOR ACTION)**

**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii), A/g Chief of Protocol  
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Contact Officer:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au

**Subject:** HOM OECD APPOINTMENT

**Urgency:** 5 June 2025 in order to meet Executive Council timelines.

**Key Issues:** We seek your agreement to propose to the Federal Executive Council, for approval by the Governor-General in Council, the appointment of **The Honourable Stephen Patrick Jones** as Australia's next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

The minute paper to the Executive Council seeks authority for you to determine the terms and conditions of this appointment.

The signed documents will need to be returned to Protocol Branch by Thursday 5 June, to be submitted into the 12 June Executive Council meeting.

**Recommendations:**

That you:

- sign the attached **Minute Paper** for the Executive Council;
- sign the **Commission of Appointment**;
- initial the **Explanatory Memorandum**; and
- initial the CV.

**Decision**

Signed/Not Signed


Signed/Not Signed

Initialed/Not Initialed

Initialed/Not Initialed

**Domestic/Media Considerations:** No.

**Action:**

  
Penny Wong  
5/6/25

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A/g Chief of Protocol  
5 June 2025



# MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Executive Council  
Meeting No. ....

## Minute Paper for the Executive Council

### Subject

#### *The Constitution*

Termination of Appointment and Commission of  
Appointment of Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
of Australia to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation  
and Development in Paris

Recommended for the approval of Her Excellency the  
Governor-General in Council that she:

Approved in Council

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Sam Mostyn AC  
Governor-General

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Secretary to the Executive Council

- (a) terminate the appointment of  
Brendan Michael Pearson as Ambassador and  
Permanent Representative of Australia to the  
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and  
Development in Paris on and from a date to be  
determined by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- (b) appoint, by Commission in the attached form,  
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Ambassador and Permanent Representative of  
Australia to the Organisation for Economic  
Cooperation and Development in Paris on and from a  
date to be determined by the Minister for Foreign  
Affairs, being a date not earlier than the date on which  
the appointment of Brendan Michael Pearson shall  
terminate;
- (c) authorise that The Honourable Stephen Patrick Jones  
be paid such salary and allowances as may be  
determined from time to time by the Minister for  
Foreign Affairs; and
- (d) authorise that the appointment of  
The Honourable Stephen Patrick Jones be subject to  
such other terms and conditions as may be approved  
from time to time by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Penny Wong  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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TO THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND  
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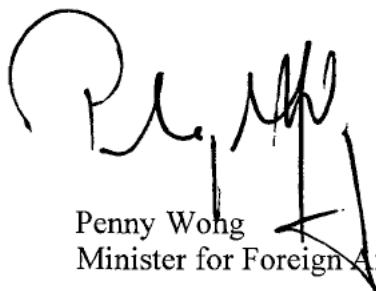
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2025

Sam Mostyn AC  
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



Penny Wong  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Secretary to the Federal Executive Council



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**Sent:** Friday, 4 July 2025 5:27 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft MR for Paris OECD [REDACTED]

**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

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

I just wanted to seek your confirmation on the below information I noted regarding the cross over with Treasury in terms of announcing this appointment.

I understand the FMO intends to announce this appointment this weekend and I want to ensure there is no mixed expectations.

Also, I can confirm that we have tasked post to advise the OECD of the nominee. They will do so today and are aware of the imminent announcement. The acting Representative over there has cleared the media release.

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Protocol and Events Branch | Executive Division

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 July 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Draft MR for Paris OECD [REDACTED]  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Please find attached a draft media release for next Ambassador to OECD. This has been put together by the line area and cleared by AS SIP Lachlan Crews.

I have added basic bio info as I don't usually coordinate the announcements for political appointees.

The Treasurer announced this appointment last time as they appointed the nominee. s 47E(d)

Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**SENATOR THE HON PENNY WONG**  
**LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SENATE**  
**MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRALIA**  
**TO THE OECD**

Today I announce the appointment of The Honourable Stephen Jones as Australia's next Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

The OECD is a trusted and influential pillar of global economic governance and a recognised leader in economic research, analysis and evidence-based policy guidance on economic and social issues. Australia contributes to, and benefits from, the OECD's work in areas spanning trade, health, employment, agriculture, overseas development assistance, energy, education, taxation, digital economy, and environment policy.

The OECD has global reach through its Member countries, key partners and regional initiatives. Australia supports the OECD's increased engagement in the Indo-Pacific region as it builds a more globally representative membership.

Mr Jones was a former Australian Labor Party member for the Division of Whitlam from 2010 until 2025. From 2022 to 2025, he served as Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services.

I thank former Ambassador and Permanent Representative Brendan Pearson and outgoing Chargé d'Affaires Anthony Stannard for their contributions to advancing Australia's interests in the OECD since 2021 and February 2025 respectively.

**Media Contact**

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

Ministerial Office: +61 2 6277 7500

*Authorised by Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia.*