



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Council for the Australian Federation, Appointment of Director

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.34 am): I am also pleased to report to the House today that the Council for the Australian Federation has appointed Ms Jenny Menzies as director of the CAF secretariat. Ms Menzies has been selected as the best candidate for the Brisbane based position and will commence in October. I am delighted the headquarters will be here. She has extensive experience in public administration and public policy at both state and Commonwealth levels. In recent years she has led significant policy development initiatives including Queensland's Smart State Strategy and the Queensland Arts Industry Sector Development Plan.

Ms Menzies is currently the director of Policy Futures, a consultancy firm, and a research fellow with Griffith University's Centre for Governance and Public Policy. She has published numerous research papers on public policy development and administration, and her experience in the development of forward policy agendas positions her to support CAF and to lead an effective and collaborative national policy agenda. Bearing in mind what I said earlier in the week about the need for a new Federation and for the states to delineate exactly what their roles are and for the Commonwealth to do the same, I think the position that Jenny Menzies will have as director in CAF will be a very important role in that delineation and the audit I mentioned. I want to congratulate Jenny Menzies on her appointment.