**ABolition and renaming of Departments of State**

The Prime Minister gives notice that on 5 December 2019, the Governor-General in Council, acting on the Prime Minister’s recommendation under section 64 of the *Constitution*, abolished the following Departments of State:

Department of Agriculture

Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business

Department of Communications and the Arts

Services Australia

to take effect on and from 1 February 2020;

and changed the names of the Departments of State specified in Column 1 to the names specified in Column 2 opposite the first-mentioned name:

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| **Column 1** | **Column 2** |
| Department of the Environment and Energy | Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment |
| Department of Education | Department of Education, Skills and Employment |
| Department of Industry, Innovation and Science | Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources |
| Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications |

to take effect on and from 1 February 2020.