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Friday 11 February 2011, Parliament House Theatrette, Canberra

8.30 am Registration

9.00 am Welcome MRC

9.10 am Opening remarks - Hon Tony Abbott MHR

9.20 am Domestic Economic Policy, Saul Eslake

9.40 am International Economic Policy, Mark Thirlwell

10.00 am Questions and discussion

10.40 am Morning Tea

11.15 am Demographics, Bernard Salt

11.35 am Discussants - Associate Professor Helen James and Geoff Pollard AM

12.00 pm Questions & Discussion

12.45 pm Lunch

2.00 pm Science and Innovation, Dr Cathy Foley PSM

2.20 pm Discussants - Dr James Bradfield Moody, Dr Thomas Barlow

2.40 pm Questions and Discussion

3.20 pm Response - Hon Andrew Robb AO, MP, Chair Coalition Policy Development Committee

3.30 pm Concluding Remarks - Hon Tony Abbott MHR

4.00 pm Close

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr Thomas Barlow is an independent innovation strategist and policy analyst who provides support to high-tech companies, universities, research organisations and governments. He is the author of an influential book about Australian innovation, *The Australian Miracle*. He has also produced a comprehensive analysis of research in Australian universities – *The State of Research in Australian Universities* – published in 2007 and 2009.

Dr James Bradfield Moody is CSIRO's Executive Director, Development who is responsible for CSIRO's future development pipeline. He joined CSIRO in December 2004 as Director, Divisional Business Strategy for CSIRO Land and Water with responsibility for developing new business opportunities and improving business practices. He was formerly the Managing Director of Natural Resource Intelligence (NRI). He sits on the advisory boards of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Saul Eslake is a Program Director of the Grattan Institute's Productivity Growth Programme. Saul was the Chief Economist of ANZ from 1995 to 2009. He is currently a member of the Federal Government's National Housing Supply Council, Chair of the Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board and a non-executive director of Hydro Tasmania. Saul has an honours degree in Economics from the University of Tasmania and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment.

Dr Cathy Foley PSM is the Deputy Chief - Science at CSIRO Materials Science and Engineering Division. She is also President of the Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies. Dr Foley joined CSIRO in 1985 to work on amorphous metals and magnetics. In 2003 she was awarded a Public Service Medal and the Eureka Prize for service to physics and promotion of science and women in science. In 2009 she won the Nokia Business Innovation Award within the National Telstra Business Women's Awards for her invention of the method to make a highly sensitive magnetic field sensor using a high temperature superconductor. The sensor is the basis of the mineral exploration tool, LANDTEM™.

Associate Professor Helen James from the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute at the Australian National University is a specialist in Mainland Southeast Asia, especially Thailand and Myanmar (Burma). She has held academic appointments in a number of universities in the United States, Thailand and Australia. She was Executive Director of the Asia Research and Development Institute, Director of the Thai Studies Centre at the University of Canberra (1995-2000) and Head of Department at Thammasat University (1977-1980). She also has been a Director in several Australian government departments.

Geoff Pollard AM has a science degree from the University of Sydney and was a senior lecturer in statistics at Macquarie University for twenty years. He was President of Tennis Australia and Chairman of Tennis Australia (1989-2010). Since 1999, he has been Vice-President of the International Tennis Federation, President of the Oceania Tennis Federation (since 1991) and Chairman of the ITF Rules of Tennis Committee and Technical Commission.

Bernard Salt is a KPMG Partner based in Melbourne. Bernard has established an international reputation as a trend forecaster for business and government. He heads a group of consultants providing demographic-based advice to business. He is the author of two best selling books *The Big Shift* and *The Big Picture*. In 2007, he authored and released a global study of Generation Y commissioned by KPMG International called *Beyond the Baby Boomers*.

Mark Thirlwell is Program Director International Economy at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. Before joining the Lowy Institute, Mark was senior economist at the Australian Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (1999 – 2003), where he worked on country risk issues with a particular emphasis on East Asia. He began his career as an economist in the Bank of England's international divisions where he focused mainly on emerging market issues. He subsequently joined JP Morgan where he was a vice-president in the economic research department with responsibility for Central and Eastern Europe.