

Aboriginal is Minister's secretary

PERTH, Thursday. — A Western Australian, Mr Ken Winder, has become the first Aboriginal private secretary to a Federal minister.

Mr Winder, 39, has joined the staff of Mr Viner, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Before that he was a third-division public servant with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, ranking in seniority behind only one other Aboriginal, Mr Charles Perkins.

Mr Winder completed a printer's apprenticeship then worked in the now defunct Western Australian Department of Native Welfare before working three years as secretary of the Aboriginal Advancement Council until 1973.

Mr Viner said today, "I regard it as important to involve Aboriginal people in my ministry and I was anxious to get somebody of Ken's calibre".