



TRADER'S CORNER

THERE is life after politics and diplomat postings for former House of Representatives speaker Bob Halverson, pictured. Mr Halverson, who was the Australian ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See, was yesterday given a position as non-executive director on the board of Perth-based technology player QRSciences. Mr Halverson, who held the outer-Melbourne seat of Casey after winning it from Peter Steedman in 1984, was chief opposition whip until the election of the Howard Government in 1996 when he was given the job as speaker in the lower house. He quit in 1998 on speculation he was about to be dumped because the Government did not like the reforms he had proposed to the position. His appointment to QRSciences is a coup, given his background in the Royal Australian Air Force as a group captain in the area of materiel acquisition, explosives and fuels management. QRSciences designs and sells technology for security purposes, including in the area of detecting explosives, narcotics, surveillance and monitoring. QRSciences shares lost 2c yesterday to 53c.

