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CHISHOLM BY-ELECTION RESULT

Comment by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

My warmest congratulations to Mr. Tony Staley for his remarkably good win in a by-election for a seat already held by the Government.

He has reversed the normal swing away from the Government in a by-election and, at this stage, has improved the Government's share of the vote compared with the General Election last year.

It is pleasing to see that the ALP has not increased its vote in spite of this being a by-election.

Mr Staley has made an impressive start on what I am sure will be a long and successful career in the Federal Parliament.

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