



PRIME MINISTER

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt.

Hon. William McMahon, C.H., M.P.

The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. William McMahon, is to visit Papua New Guinea during the first week in August. This was announced in Canberra and Port Moresby tonight.

The visit is in response to an invitation to Mr. McMahon from the Chief Minister, Mr. Michael Somare, conveyed when Mr. Somare was in Canberra in May.

The Prime Minister said that he was greatly looking forward to his visit which would enable him to have discussions with Mr. Somare and his Ministerial colleagues, and to visit Papua New Guinea including Port Moresby and other centres.

Details of the itinerary are being discussed with the Chief Minister and will be announced when completed.

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