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Statement by the Prime Minister

New Itinerary for The Queen's Interrupted Visit

As a result of changes during the weekend a new itinerary has been arranged for the return visit in March by The Queen to South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

The Queen will now visit Western Australia before South Australia instead of the other way around.

She will fly from Adelaide to Darwin, ending her tour there on Sunday 10 March as previously announced.

The Queen returns to Australia through Darwin on Thursday 7 March and after spending a night aboard the Royal Yacht, she will fly to Perth on Friday 8 March to Adelaide on Saturday 9 March and to Darwin on 10 March.

I was pleased to take up on behalf of the Government of South Australia a proposal that Her Majesty be in Adelaide on 9 March to open the Festival of Arts and this she has now agreed to do.

To do this it was necessary to have the agreement of the Premier of Western Australia.

Both The Queen and I are grateful to the Premier of Western Australia for consenting to the change in the Perth program so as to allow the Adelaide Festival opening by The Queen to take place.

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