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## PRIME MINISTER

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### Prince Charles' Wedding

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. J.D. Anthony, MP will represent the Australian Government at the Privy Council Meeting being held in London on 27 March 1981.

This meeting of the Privy Council will be the meeting at which The Queen will signify her consent to the marriage of The Prince of Wales to the Lady Diana Spencer.

All countries of which The Queen is Sovereign are being invited to send a Privy Counsellor to attend.

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### Background:

The Deputy Prime Minister is a member of the Privy Council. In 1947 at the Privy Council meeting when King George VI signified his consent to the marriage of Princess Elizabeth, Australia was represented by the Rt Hon. J.A. Beasley, a member of the Privy Council, who was at the time High Commissioner in London.

Mr Anthony will fly to London from the Middle East, where he is leading a Trade Mission.