



## PRIME MINISTER

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The Governor-General, His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KBE, will make State Visits to Malaysia and Singapore from 1-7 September. He will be accompanied by Lady Stephen.

The Government attaches considerable importance to Australia's relations with countries in South East Asia and looks forward to the continuation during my third Government of the close ties that exist with all the ASEAN countries. The Governor-General's visit to Malaysia and Singapore follows the very successful visit to Thailand earlier this year.

While in Malaysia (1-4 September), the Governor-General will have discussions in Kuala Lumpur with his host, the King of Malaysia, His Majesty Sultan Iskander, and Malaysian Ministers. He will also visit Melaka and Penang and members of the Australian Defence Force stationed at Butterworth.

In Singapore (4-7 September), Sir Ninian will have discussions with the President of Singapore, His Excellency Mr Wee Kim Wee, and his Ministers, lay a wreath at the Kranji War Cemetery and inaugurate the Australian Studies program at the National University of Singapore and the Nanyang Technological Institute.

Their Excellencies will return for the opening of Parliament on 14 August. They will then go overseas for a period of leave.

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