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**PRIME MINISTER**

FOR MEDIA

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The Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr Charles Haughey, accompanied by Mrs Haughey, will visit Australia from 11 to 16 July as a Guest of the Government.

The visit reciprocates my memorable visit to Ireland last year, and reflects the contribution of the Irish and people of Irish descent to all aspects of Australian life, a contribution of which we are especially reminded in our Bicentennial year.

In Canberra, Mr Haughey will present Ireland's Bicentennial gift of convict records to the National Library. He will also be visiting Perth, Sydney and Melbourne.