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PRIME MINISTER

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The Chairman of the Australian Selectors, Mr Lawrie Sawle, and I have chosen the following team to play for the Prime Minister's XI against the West Indies at Manuka Oval on Thursday, 8 December 1988:

Allan Border (Captain)	Queensland
David Boon	Tasmania
Peter Gladigau	South Australia
Paul Jackson	Victoria
Stuart Law	Queensland
Geoff Lawson	New South Wales
Tom Moody	West Australia
Simon O'Donnell	Victoria
Mark Waugh	New South Wales
Steve Waugh	New South Wales
Michael Williams (Wicket-keeper)	Queensland
Michael Bevan (12th Man)	A.C.T.

The side has a good balance of experience and youth and I am confident that Allan Border and his players will provide top-class competition to Viv Richards and his splendid team, as well as offering attractive cricket to the Canberra public.

As in previous years, every state in Australia is represented. The team includes a number of players who have played in earlier PM's XI's as well as some making their debuts.

Of those who have appeared before, it will be great to see Simon O'Donnell playing again in Canberra after making such a wonderful recovery from his illness. I am sure also that Canberra cricket lovers will look forward to seeing David Boon bat here again, bearing in mind his brilliant century against Clive Lloyd's team in January 1984.

Of the newcomers, Stuart Law will be the first student of the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide to represent the Prime Minister's XI and I am looking forward to seeing him play after his big Shield hundred in Brisbane the other day. The match will also give an opportunity to Michael Williams, the wicket-keeper of the National Aboriginal Cricket team which toured England so successfully earlier this year. Michael gave a very good account of himself behind the stumps when he played against my team at Manly in January and I understand that his keeping came on by leaps and bounds during the English tour.