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JOINT STATEMENT WITH THE HON ROS KELLY, MINISTER FOR ARTS,
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The Federal Government will provide \$25 million towards the cost of staging the 1998 Commonwealth Games if Adelaide's bid to host the Games is successful.

Adelaide is making a very strong bid for the Games and deserves Federal Government support to help meet the substantial cost of staging a modern international sporting event.

The Government's decision is consistent with similar arrangements made for the Melbourne and Sydney Olympic Games bids.

Adelaide has a very strong bid which has been the result of hard work by a number of dedicated people and I'm pleased to be in a position to back that hard work with the offer of major financial help.

The decision to provide \$25 million reflects the Government's commitment to sport generally and to the Adelaide bid in particular.

We are all hoping for success at the Olympics in Barcelona next year, not only for our athletes but for the Commonwealth Games bid team which will be working to secure the Games for Adelaide.