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## **PRIME MINISTER**

**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON PJ KEATING MP**

**ASSISTANCE TO COMMONWEALTH TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT**

Australia will make two further contributions to Commonwealth programs.

A contribution of \$100,000 will be made to the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management which is being officially launched today.

The Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management is a non-profit company which provides a network of contacts for technology management and problem solving in Commonwealth countries. It is a partnership of government, private sector and academic institutions established as a company in order to give it increased access to private-sector expertise and funding.

The funding will assist Commonwealth members to develop improved technology management capabilities.

Australia will also contribute a further \$150,000 to the Commonwealth Fund for Technological Cooperation for a study to review how the Commonwealth might better help small states overcome obstacles to increasing their exports.

The Commonwealth already provides advice at a government policy level to help members take advantage of the greater trade opportunities and deal with the challenges presented by global trade liberalisation since the post Uruguay round.

This study will identify measures to help small states, especially Pacific island states, overcome practical constraints at various stages to production, marketing and exports - for example by use of short term advisers.

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