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<u>VISIT OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE</u> <u>QUEEN MOTHER</u> <u>Statement by the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies</u> The Prime Minister announced in Canberra today that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother had accepted

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Friday, 28th February - Afternoon :	Arrive at Canberra by air from New Zealand Engagements in Canberra.
Tuesday, 3rd March -	Leave Canberra by air for Hobart.
Morning :	Engagements in Tasmania
Thursday, 5th March -	Leave Burnie by H.M.Y. BRITANNIA
Afternoon:	for Adelaide
Saturday, 7th March -	Arrive at Port Adelaide
Morning :	Engagements in South Australia.
Monday, 16th March - After Dinner :	Leave Port Adelaide by H.M.Y. BRITANNIA for journey to Fremantle.

En route to Fremantle H.M.Y. BRITANNIA will anchor off Esperance, Albany and Bunbury to enable Her Majesty to make brief calls ashore.

Monday, 23rd March -Morning : Arrive at Fremantle Engagements in Perth

Wednesday, 25th March -Afternoon : Depart from Perth by air for London.

The Prime Minister also said that a programme of engagements is now being prepared for Queen Elizabeth's Australian visit and that an announcement of these details would have to wait until the proposals have been referred to and accepted by Her Majesty.

CANBERRA, 25th October, 1963.