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## VICTORIAN BY-ELECTION

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

I offer my good wishes to the Victorian Government for Saturday's Legislative Council by-election.

Whatever differences of opinion may exist on particular matters - and there always will be differences - the dominant issue on Saturday is whether Mr. Bolte's government is to retain a majority in both Houses, or go back to a position where any government policy may be frustrated by an adverse vote in the Upper House.

Similar questions will arise at the next Senate Election.

The record of the Bolte Government is a very fine and progressive one. The electors of Victoria recently gave it their warm and clear approval. I am sure that they will affirm their decision on Saturday.

CANBERRA, 8th October, 1964.