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GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO VISIT BRITAIN

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

With the concurrence of the Government, the Governor-General and The Lady Casey will leave Australia towards the end of April for a short visit to Britain. They expect to be away from Australia for five or six weeks.

The Governor -General will report personally to Her Majesty whilst he is in London.

Lord and Lady Casey will travel to and from Britain by air but date of departure and other details have not yet been settled

The Government of the Commonwealth will be administered by His Excellency Sir Edric Bastyan Governor of South Australia whilst Lord Casey is abroad. Sir Edric holds a Dormant Commission from The Queen and is the senior State Governor in terms of years of service in his office.

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