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INDEPENDENCE OF MAURITIUS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin, Minister for Housing, will represent the Australian Government at the celebrations marking the independence of Mauritius next week (12 March).

The Governor-General, Lord Casey, has sent a goodwill message to the Governor-General of Mauritius, and I have sent a message to the Prime Minister.

The Australian Government will be presenting a painting and a library of Australian constitutional, historical and literary works to the Mauritian Government from the Government and people of Australia. An ink stand is being presented to the Parliament of Mauritius as a gift from the Australian Parliament.

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