



## PRIME MINISTER

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### ACCESS TO WAR-TIME CABINET RECORDS

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William  
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The first group of Cabinet records from the war-time period will be available for public access from Monday, 23 October.

In January last, the Government decided that a 30-year access rule should in future apply to Cabinet papers as it does to the generality of Departmental documents. Because of the special interest in them, however, the remainder of the Cabinet papers for the war years 1942-1945 are also to be released for public examination.

The first group of papers to be released will cover the years 1939-1941 inclusive. Work on the indexing of these records has been completed.

Applications to study the papers should be made in the normal way to the Director of the Commonwealth Archives Office in Canberra.

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