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PRIME MINISTER

Press Statement No. 104

29 June 1973

ROYAL VISITS 1973 AND 1974:
APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRALIAN EQUERRY TO THE QUEEN

The Queen has approved the appointment of Squadron Leader K.G. Smith, Royal Australian Air Force, as Australian Equerry to The Queen for her visits to Australia in October 1973 and February/March 1974.

The appointment follows advice from London that Her Majesty would be glad to have an Australian Equerry appointed for these visits.

Squadron Leader Smith, aged 34, married, was born in Parramatta, New South Wales. In 1957 he joined the R.A.A.F. as a cadet and in December 1960 graduated as a Pilot. He served with No. 76 Fighter Squadron at Williamtown, N.S.W., and No. 77 Fighter Squadron at Butterworth, Malaya. He is a qualified Flying Instructor. In May 1967 he undertook exchange duties in the United States with the U.S.A.F. Since November 1972 he has been employed as Staff Officer (Training) in the Directorate of Support Requirements, Department of Air, Canberra.

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