



PRIME MINISTER

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WEST INDIAN CRICKET AWARD

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today that the Australian Government has decided to offer a new trophy for cricketers in the West Indies.

The trophy will be known as the "Australian Award for the Best West Indian Cricketer of the Year."

It will be awarded on the basis of performances in the Intra-regional Shell Shield competition on the basis of the recommendation of West Indian cricket authorities.

The trophy will be passed on from year to year, but each winner will retain a miniature of the trophy.

Mr Whitlam announced the new award when he hosted a lunch for some Commonwealth Prime Ministers, including several from the Caribbean, in Jamaica today.