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ROYAL VISIT 1977 - APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

Mr J.H. Scholtens, CVO, Director of the Office of Government Ceremonial and Hospitality, has been appointed to take charge of the planning of the visit to Australia next year by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr Scholtens will be Commonwealth Director for the visit.

The headquarters of the Royal Visit Organisation will be in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.