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Visit by HRH The Prince of Wales

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has accepted an invitation from the Commonwealth Government to visit Australia in November primarily as Patron of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians.

Announcing the visit today the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, said that the primary purpose of Prince Charles' coming at that time is to undertake engagements in connection with the Silver Jubilee Appeal. He will also attend a number of events arranged by the Silver Jubilee Commemorative Organisation to celebrate The Queen's Jubilee in Australia.

Prince Charles is expected to arrive in Australia on Tuesday 1 November and to rest that day in Canberra. His program of official engagements would start in Canberra on Wednesday 2 November. He will leave Australia from Perth on Friday 11 November. The Prince of Wales during his stay will visit each of the States.

The sequence for places to be visited has yet to be decided and dates have yet to be settled. Those details will be announced as soon as possible.

The invitation had followed discussions which Mr Harry M. Miller, Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Commemorative Organisation and Sir Ian McLennan, KBE, National Chairman of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal had with The Prince of Wales in London in May and June of this year. Mr Fraser said that he had been pleased to extend the invitation on behalf of the Government and people of Australia and was delighted that The Prince of Wales had accepted.

Consultations will take place between the Commonwealth and State Governments and representatives from the National Appeal Committee, the State Committees and the Committee for the Territories, to prepare in draft form a program of engagements for the visit. Those details will be announced when an approved program has been decided.