

PRIME MINISTER

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IRANIAN EARTHQUAKE

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony, has sent the following cable to the Prime Minister of Iran, Sharif Emami:

"We have learned with deep regret and shock of the earthquake which struck the town of Tabas and its suburbs on 16 September, and is reported to have claimed as many as 11,000 lives.

"May I offer to you, to the members of the bereaved families, and to the Government and people of Iran, sincere condolences and sympathy on behalf of myself and the Government and people of Australia".