



PRIME MINISTER

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RAAF ASSISTANCE TO AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE TEAM

The Prime Minister announced today that a RAAF aircraft would be made available to the Australian Parachute Team to facilitate their training prior to competing in the World Championships in France from 22 August to 2 September 1979.

A RAAF Caribou will provide up to thirty-five hours pre-event training.

The Caribou is the only aircraft with tailgate exit configuration which the team could use to simulate the current exit procedures.

The Australian team won a silver medal in Warendorf, West Germany in 1975 and is keen to improve on that in this years event.