

DRAFT TEXT FOR PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING QUESTION TIME WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 1979:

Funeral of Earl Mountbatten

Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister

I wish to inform the House that Australia will be represented at the funeral of the late Earl Mountbatten of Burma by His Excellency the Governor-General who will be accompanied by:

- . His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales;
- . Senator the Honourable J.L. Carrick, Minister for Education, Vice-President of the Executive Council and Leader of the Government in the Senate;
- . The Honourable Member for Reid, a former Minister in the Whitlam Government and a former Deputy Leader of the Opposition

(both were prisoners of war in South-East Asia during the 1939-45 war)

and by

Mr A.G.R. Keys, OBE, MC, National President of the Returned Servicemen's League.

The Australian High Commissioner in London, Sir Gordon Freeth, will also attend.

The funeral will take place in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday 5 September.

During the absences of the Governor-General and the Governor of New South Wales, the Governor of Tasmania will be sworn as Administrator.