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# PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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## THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE

The Prime Minister sent the following message to Her Majesty the Queen last night on her departure from Australia:

I want to emphasise on behalf of all Australians what I said to you at your departure from Melbourne - that we have all been delighted to have you again in Australia with Prince Phillip.

Your few days with us have been crowded with events - the opening of the High Court and full programmes in Melbourne and Sydney. The strain on you both has been very heavy.

We are grateful to you for your willingness to spend the extra days here and to undertake the heavy schedule.

We hope that your flight back to London will be a pleasant and safe return.

The following message in reply was received by the Prime Minister from the Royal Aircraft Regal I:

Thank you for your kind message on my departure from Australia. I have been very touched by the wonderful welcome given to us during these last few days, and I send my warmest good wishes to all Australians.

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