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PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

SUNDAY, 21 JUNE, 1981

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA

The Commonwealth Government will be making a gift of \$5 million to Victoria as a contribution to the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the first settlement in Victoria, by the Hentys at Portland, followed one year later by the settlement at Melbourne.

The grant follows discussions with the Chairman of the Sesqui-centennial Committee, Sir John Holland.

The Commonwealth wishes the gift to be associated with an identifiable and suitable project and further discussions will be held to determine the nature of this project.

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