



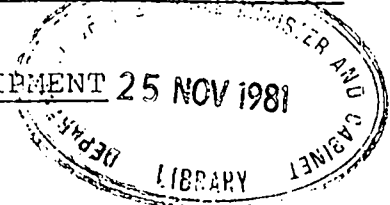
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PRIME MINISTER

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GIFT OF TRAFFIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT 25 NOV 1981



The Commonwealth Government has decided to present to the State of Victoria the closed circuit television system which was installed in Melbourne to assist with traffic monitoring and control and security surveillance during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

The equipment comprises 25 remote controlled television cameras, mountings and environmental housing plus extensive monitoring and control equipment installed in the Melbourne City Council's traffic control room and at the Russell Street police complex.

The system proved invaluable during CHOGM. I understand the Melbourne City Council and the Victoria Police especially want the system to be retained in Melbourne for the long term benefits in traffic monitoring and control that it can provide, and for security surveillance on normal VIP routes in Melbourne.

In total, the system cost the Commonwealth over \$550,000, including installation and commissioning costs, plus a substantial outlay for cabling. The Government has now concluded, after considering alternative uses for the equipment, that the best value for the money spent on it lies in its continued use as an operational unit to benefit traffic in Melbourne now and in the future, and for security purposes.

Accordingly, I am delighted to announce that, in recognition of the co-operation of the State of Victoria and the Melbourne City Council in the conduct of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, of the excellent work of the Victoria Police and the hospitality extended by Melbourne to its visitors, the Commonwealth Government has decided to leave the equipment in Melbourne as a gift to the State.

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