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PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL VISIT 1982

The Queen has accepted the Government's invitation to extend her visit to Australia for the XII Commonwealth Games to include Canberra so as to open the Australian National Gallery on Tuesday, 12 October 1982. The Gallery is designed to hold the National Collection that has been built up over the past seventy years by successive Federal Governments.

The Duke of Edinburgh is due to arrive in Brisbane on Wednesday, 29 September 1982, and will open the Commonwealth Games on Thursday, 30 September 1982.

The Queen will arrive in Darwin on Tuesday, 5 October 1982 and proceed to Brisbane on Wednesday, 6 October 1982. Her Majesty has agreed to close the Games on Saturday, 9 October 1982.

The Queen and Prince Philip will also visit New South Wales on Monday, 11 October 1982.

The detailed programme to be undertaken by The Queen and Prince Philip will be prepared in consultation between the Commonwealth and the States concerned and will be announced in due course.

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