



PRIME MINISTER

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CHANGEOVER OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Arrangements have been made for Sir Ninian Stephen to be sworn as Governor-General in the Senate Chamber on Thursday, 29 July at 3.00pm. The requisite oaths will be administered by the Chief Justice of the High Court.

Sir Ninian relinquishes his duties at the High Court today.

Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen will leave Australia shortly to make a customary call on Her Majesty The Queen prior to the swearing in. On the way to London they will make brief visits to Yugoslavia and Italy. Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen will return to Australia in mid-June via Canada where Sir Ninian proposes to have discussions with the Canadian Governor-General.

Sir Zelman Cowen and Lady Cowen will be given a ceremonial farewell from RAAF Base Fairbairn on Wednesday morning, 28 July. A farewell dinner in their honour will be held at Parliament House on Tuesday evening, 27 July.

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