

PRIME MINISTER

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Senator Don Grimes, the Deputy Government Leader in the Senate and Minister for Community Services, will represent the Government at the funeral of the late Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme. The funeral will be held in Stockholm on 15 March.

Senator Grimes was a personal friend of the late Prime Minister, having met him on a number of occasions at meetings of the Socialist International. He is also known to Mr Palme's widow, Lisbet.

The attendance of Senator Grimes at the funeral is a mark of the deep respect which the Australian Government has for Olof Palme's achievements in the cause of world peace and social justice, and of the friendship which Australia feels for the Government and people of Sweden.