



PRIME MINISTER

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It is with deep regret that I note the death on Saturday 30 August 1986 of the Honourable Dame Annabelle Rankin, DBE, who over a period of many years served the people of Australia with great distinction.

Dame Annabelle was the first Queensland woman to enter the Federal Parliament, being a Senator for Queensland from 1946 until 1971. She was Opposition Whip from 1947-49 and Government Whip from 1951-1966. She was Minister of Housing from 1966-1971.

On retiring from the Senate in 1971 Dame Annabelle was appointed as Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand, a position she held until 1974.

On behalf of the Government I express our deepest sympathy to Dame Annabelle's next-of-kin.

A State Funeral Service will be held at 11.00am, Thursday 4 September 1986, at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane.