



PRIME MINISTER

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The Commonwealth Government has recently held discussions with the South Australian Government and the Australian Cricket Board on a proposal to associate cricket with the Australian Institute of Sport, through the establishment of an AIS cricket academy in Adelaide.

I am pleased to announce today that the Government will provide \$300,000 in a full financial year to bring the arrangements with the South Australian Government, the ACB and the AIS to fruition. Providing all the necessary planning can be done by those bodies, I would expect these funds to be available in 1987-88.

It is very appropriate that the AIS cricket academy should be established in South Australia, home of Sir Donald Bradman, our greatest cricketer, and of many other great Australian players. The Adelaide complex will provide the environment and facilities necessary to nurture and develop our outstanding young cricketing talent of the future.

The Government's contribution to the project will complement the existing range of measures we provide to assist cricket. In the current financial year, an allocation of \$140,000 was provided to the Australian Cricket Board by the Australian Sports Commission for coaching, international competition for juniors, administration, and development projects, especially Kanga cricket.
