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## PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

27 MAY 1988

The Queen has approved Letters Patent and Regulations establishing the Australian Fire Service Medal which will form part of the Australian system of honours and awards.

The Regulations provide for the Medal to be awarded for distinguished service by a member of an Australian fire service.

The awards will be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for each fire service and will be notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette. The first awards will be announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June this year.

The medal will carry an entitlement to the use of the post nominals "AFSM".

The new award will be placed immediately following the Australian Police Medal in the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards.

Arrangements are in hand for the manufacture of the insignia of the award which was designed by Mr Stuart Devlin AO CMG.

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