

PRIME MINISTER

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The following is the text of a message from the Prime Minister sent to the Hon Dr Edward Fenech-Adami, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta.

On behalf of the Australian Government and people I would like to extend my congratulations to you on your re-election as Prime Minister of Malta.

During your premiership over the last five years, Malta has taken an active role in European and world affairs, with your contributions to activities in the United Nations and the Commonwealth.

In the relationship between our two countries, your visit to Australia in August 1990 was a landmark event and is well remembered by Australia's large and active Maltese community.

Historical and community links continue to be an important factor in our relationship. We are fortunate that so many people of Maltese origin have chosen to make this country their home. The Maltese community has made an important and lasting contribution to Australia's political, economic and cultural life and will, I am sure, continue to work towards building a prosperous and harmonious multicultural society.

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