
The royal visit

The Queen and Prince Philip visited all states and territories during March 1977. The Government arranged with trainer Colin Hayes to mate his stallion Without Fear with six mares with a view to selecting the best foal as a gift for the Queen (Decision 2162).

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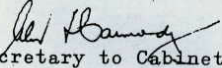
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Decision No. 2162

Without Submission - Royal Visit : Gift for The Queen

The Cabinet:-

- (a) agreed that an approach be made to Buckingham Palace to ascertain whether a race horse would be acceptable as a gift to The Queen on the occasion of her visit to Australia;
- (b) noted that:-
 - (i) Mr Colin Hayes of Lindsay Park Stud, South Australia, had indicated a willingness to mate "Without Fear" with six mares with a view to selecting the best foal as the Nation's gift to The Queen;
 - (ii) the foal would be bred for the European racing calendar;
 - (iii) Mr Hayes would be prepared to negotiate a contract price now for delivery of the foal in about 3 years at a price of about \$30,000; and
- (c) agreed that, if the proposed gift is acceptable to The Queen, the Prime Minister would announce it at the Government's reception to The Queen on Tuesday 8 March 1977.


Secretary to Cabinet

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