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<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	<b>107/25 (formerly NAA M1374)</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Prime Ministers; Politicians; Farmers
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1968–1973
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	0.17 metres (1 box)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>(John) Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930. His grandfather, Sir Simon Fraser (1832–1919), had emigrated from Canada in 1853, initially to work as a prospector, but later moving into business, farming and politics. He was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1874 and later served as a delegate to the Australasian Federal Convention (1897–1898) and a senator representing the Free Trade Party (1901–1913).</p> <p>Malcolm's father, John Neville Fraser (1890–1962), studied law at the University of Oxford, but on his return to Australia concerned himself largely with his work as a pastoralist. In 1926, he married Una Woolf. Neville and Una had two children: Lorraine (1926– ) and (John) Malcolm (1930– ).</p> <p>The Fraser family lived at Balpool-Nyang near Moulamein in New South Wales before moving to 'Nareen', a station in western Victoria, in 1943. During this period Malcolm attended Tudor House School in New South Wales (1940–1943) and Melbourne Grammar (1944–1948). In 1949, he was admitted to the University of Oxford to study 'Modern Greats' (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).</p> <p>After graduating, Malcolm Fraser returned to Victoria and decided to embark on a political career. He succeeded in being elected as Liberal member for the seat of Wannon in western Victoria at his second attempt in 1955. A backbencher under Menzies for ten years, Fraser gained his first cabinet post as Minister for the Army under Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1966. He went on to become Minister for Education and Science (1968–1969 and 1971–1972) and Minister for Defence (1969–1971). Following the Labor government's election win in 1972, he served as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations. He became leader of the Liberal</p>

	<p>Party in March 1975 and in November became caretaker Prime Minister after the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, dismissed the Whitlam government. He was returned to office through election victories in 1975, 1977 and 1980, before losing to Bob Hawke at the 1983 election. He resigned from politics in March 1983.</p> <p>Following his formal political career, Malcolm Fraser has continued a presence on the world stage, as Chair of the United Nations Panel of Eminent Persons on the Role of Transnational Corporations in South Africa (1985); as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons campaigning for an end to apartheid in South Africa (1985–1986); and Chair of the UN Secretary-General’s Expert Group on African Commodity Issues (1989–1990). In 1987 he founded CARE Australia, the country’s largest non-political and non-religious overseas aid organisation and was president of CARE International from 1990 to 1995. In 1997, he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections.</p> <p>Malcolm Fraser remains actively interested in issues associated with human rights, multiculturalism and reconciliation with indigenous Australians. He has been highly critical of the Howard government’s involvement in the war in Iraq, as well as of its treatment of asylum seekers.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	7 December 2006
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>This series comprises files of speeches and speech notes made by J M (Malcolm) Fraser in his first term as Minister for Education and Science (1968-69). Although prepared for various audiences, the speeches focus on portfolio matters such as tertiary education, CSIRO research, conservation, management training, Government science policy, Commonwealth education support in particular states or for specific groups (e.g. Jewish education). A small number of papers relate to Mr Fraser’s electorate interests, such as wool and the 1969 election.</p> <p>Formerly National Archives of Australia Series M1374.</p>
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	Eighteen items from this series are currently held at the National Archives of Australia.
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	List provided by NAA.

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<b>DATE</b>	11 September 2008

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
		<b>Speeches and speech notes</b>	<b>1967–1973</b>
	1	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech: Agriculture education [as Minister for Education and Science for official opening of Port Augusta Technical College, South Australia]	2 May 1969–17 Oct 1969
	2	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Opening address, Tenth Annual Conference of the Australian College of Education, Adelaide [as Minister for Education and Science]	16 May 1969
	3	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes on CSIRO wool textile research [as Minister for Education and Science]	Sep 1969
<b>1</b>	4	Speech notes: Conservation [as Minister for Education and Science to Faculty of Applied Science, University of New South Wales]	Sep 1969
	5	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Electorate [as Member for Wannon and Minister for Education and Science for Kyeema Centre for the Intellectually Handicapped (Portland), First Australian Conference on Jewish Education, Symposium on the Future of the Great Barrier Reef]	13 Oct 1969–23 Nov 1969
	6	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Education, General [as Minister for Education and Science for official opening of Ursula College (Australian National University), Prince Alfred College (South Australia) Centenary dinner etc.]	17 Oct 1968–Nov 1969
	7	Speech notes: Anzac Day [as Minister for Education and Science representing the Prime Minister]	25 Apr 1969
	8	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speeches: Opening of John XXIII College, Australian National University [as Minister for Education and Science, includes draft speech for University of Melbourne Convocation]	28 Feb 1969–5 Mar 1969
	9	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Institute of Management	1969

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		Conference [as Minister for Education and Science]	
	10	Speech notes: Export Week luncheon [as Minister for Education and Science]	1969
	11	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Free Kindergarten Union of Victoria [as Minister for Education and Science]	31 Mar 1968–29 Apr 1968
	12	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speeches: Miscellaneous [as Member for Wannon and Minister for Education and Science, relating to Australian Institute of Urban Studies, Australian flag]	13 Feb 1967–10 Jul 1968
	13	Speech notes: Bill Maxwell [as Member for Wannon, relating to 1969 election]	Oct 1969
	14	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: St Patrick's College (Ballarat) [as Minister for Education and Science, includes Chanel College (Geelong) and Gordon Institute of Technology]	4 Nov 1968–18 Sep 1969
	15	Speech notes: Presidential Science Team [as Member for Wannon and Minister for Education and Science, includes Warrnambool (Press) Dailies' Conference]	1968
	16	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Old Melburnians Club Annual Dinner [as Minister for Education and Science]	11 Aug 1969–12 Sep 1969
	17	Speeches: Parliamentary [as Member for Wannon and Minister for Education and Science]	21 Aug 1969–6 Sep 1973
	18	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Government approaches to science [as Minister for Education and Science to Australian Academy of Science Forum etc]	16 Aug 1968–Apr 1969
	19	Speech notes: State aid [as Minister for Education and Science]	1968
	20	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Tasmania [as Minister for Education and Science]	22 Sep 1969–28 Oct 1972
	21	Speech notes: Geelong Grammar School students [as Minister for Education and Science]	25 Sep 1969–26 Sep 1969

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	22	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Press release: 'Commonwealth's role in education' [as Member for Wannon and Minister for Education and Science, relates to Liberal Party's Diamond Valley Electorate Committee]	1969
	23	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech notes: Queensland education [as Minister for Education and Science]	18 Sep 1969
	24	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> UNESCO Seminar on the Teaching of Social Sciences at Secondary Level – TV <i>Encounter</i> program interview [as Minister for Education and Science]	1968
	25	Speech notes: Western Australia [as Minister for Education and Science]	1969
	26	Speech notes: Independent schools [as Minister for Education and Science, relates to Mount Scopus College, Burwood (Vic)]	1969
	27	[Empty folder]	1968
	28	Speech notes: Miscellaneous [as Minister for Education and Science to Victorian Football Union]	1969
	29	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speech: 'A Multi-cultural Society', State Zionist Council of New South Wales [as Minister for Defence]	13 Nov 1969–16 Nov 1969
	30	<b>Currently held at NAA</b> Speeches: Universities [as Minister for Education and Science]	21 Aug 1968–16 Aug 1969
	31	Speech notes: Wool [as Member for Wannon]	13 Nov 1969

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