

	THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES
NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	2007.0010 & 2011.0062 (formerly NAA M1268)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers; Politicians; Farmers
DATE RANGE	1969–1978
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.85 metres (5 boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>John Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>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 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>
DATE OF TRANSFER	7 December 2006; July 2011
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series of subject files was maintained in the Prime Minister's Office during the Prime Ministership of J M (Malcolm) Fraser (1975–83). It covers the entire period of his term in office with the exception of the final six weeks (February–March 1983).</p> <p>The files are titled according to their subject, a particular person or an institution. These include Aborigines, Australia Council, Australian Science and Technology Council, Cabinet, Interdepartmental and other committees, Commonwealth and Olympic Games, Commonwealth</p>

	<p>Heads of Government meetings, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Australian Constitutional Conventions, various countries, economic matters, education, elections and electoral redistribution, Australian Heritage Commission, herbicides used in Vietnam, honours, Loans Affair, Medibank, Sir Robert Menzies, individual Ministers and state Premiers, Office of National Assessments, Parliament, referendums, Royal Commissions, royalty, Sinclair Pastoral Company, superannuation, uranium, VIP aircraft etc.</p> <p>The files include correspondence, notes, reports, publications and other reference material. In general they were maintained in lexicographical order, although this is not always apparent. For example, individual countries are arranged alphabetically under the keyword 'Country'. Some other sequences resulted from separate storage arrangements or were affected by different transfers to archival custody. They are, nevertheless, considered to be part of the same overall filing system.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	<p>This series has been transferred to the University of Melbourne Archives (UMA) from the National Archives of Australia (NAA) in two consignments received in 2006 (2007.0010) and 2011 (2011.0062). Items from the second consignment have been amalgamated with the first. This series was arranged and described by the NAA Prime Ministers' Papers Project undertaken during 2006 and retains this original order.</p>
NOTE ON LISTING	<p>This list combines items received from the NAA as above. Items that are not listed remain in the custody of the NAA.</p>
LISTED BY	NAA; revised and re-formatted by Caitlin Stone; Kim Burrell
DATE	11 September 2007, 2012

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Item Number	Unit/Box	Title	Date	Description
2007.0010.0001	2007.0010 Unit 1	Autographs	14 November 1975-12 February 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to private collectors.
2007.0010.0002	2007.0010 Unit 1	Backbench Committees [meeting 16 March 1976]	6 January 1976-4 March 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to electoral tactics, submissions, committee system, agenda and summary of recommendations etc.
2007.0010.0003	2007.0010 Unit 1	Constitution	16 August 1975-22 September 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Australian Constitutional Convention (Hobart, 27-29 October 1976), draft speeches, etc.
2007.0010.0004	2007.0010 Unit 1	Charters	6 March 1975-7 January 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to policy on the use of VIP and special purpose aircrafts by Leader of the Opposition.
2007.0010.0005	2007.0010 Unit 1	Committees - Party	13 February 1978-26 September 1979	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to operations, attendance, programs, policies and activities involving a broad range of Committees.
2007.0010.0006	2007.0010 Unit 1	Committees - Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System	24 February 1975-22 September 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes transcripts and correspondence.
2007.0010.0007	2007.0010 Unit 1	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association [part 1 of 3]	13 October 1975-20 November 1978	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Executive Committee meeting agendas and minutes, booklet 'Constitution', annual report (1977-78) etc.
2007.0010.0008	2007.0010 Unit 1	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association [part 2 of 3]	29 March 1979-2 October 1981	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Executive Committee meeting agendas and minutes, Executive Committee report (1980-81), annual report (1978-79) etc.

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2007.0010.0009	2007.0010 Unit 1	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association [part 3 of 3]	14 April 1982-10 September 1982	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Executive Committee meeting agendas and minutes, draft 'Revised Rules' (August 1982), 'Constitution' (revised 1977), annual report (1980-81) etc.
2007.0010.0010	2007.0010 Unit 2	National Compensation Scheme	27 August 1975-6 November 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to uniformity of entitlements under workers compensation legislation etc.
2007.0010.0011	2007.0010 Unit 2	Constitution	8 April 1975-22 August 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Australian Constitutional Convention (Hobart, 27-29 October 1976), draft speeches etc.
2007.0010.0012	2007.0010 Unit 2	Constitution Convention 1975	9 October 1975-27 October 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to the Constitution Alteration (Interchange of Powers) Bill etc.
2007.0010.0013	2007.0010 Unit 2	Australian Constitutional Convention 1975	7 July 1975-26 September 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes Agenda, Standing Committee, Report to Executive Committee (13 August 1975) and Standing Committee C Recommendations, etc.
2007.0010.0014	2007.0010 Unit 2	Australian Constitutional Convention 1978	23 June 1977-28 July 1978	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes Agenda, Constitution as Altered to 1 December 1977 together with Statute of Westminster Adoption Act 1942 and various standing committee reports etc.
2007.0010.0015	2007.0010 Unit 2	Decentralisation of Public Service	18 September 1975-28 October 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to transfer of Division of national Mapping to Bathurst- Orange, etc.

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Item Number	Unit/Box	Title	Date	Description
2007.0010.0016	2007.0010 Unit 2	Dissolution	24 October 1975-27 November 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to dismissal of Whitlam Government (11 November 1975), Sir John Kerr, 'Caretaker' Government etc.
2007.0010.0017	2007.0010 Unit 2	Economic Consultative Group [meeting 6 February 1976]	23 January 1976-10 March 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister.
2007.0010.0018	2007.0010 Unit 2	Elections - General	19 November 1975-28 June 1979	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Grayndler, Kimberley, Cunningham, Northern Territory and Alice Springs by-elections etc.
2007.0010.0019	2007.0010 Unit 2	Election 1975	2 October 1975-3 November 1977	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes House of Representatives and Senate publications 'Progress of Count of First Preference Votes' (12 January 1976) etc.
2007.0010.0020	2007.0010 Unit 2	Election 1977 [part 1 of 2]	25 October 1977-17 November 1977	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to State budgets, House and Senate publications 'Result of Count of First Preference Votes' (February 1978) etc. Previous NAA control number M1268 item number 9022331

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Item Number	Unit/Box	Title	Date	Description
2007.0010.0021	2007.0010 Unit 3	Election 1977 [part 2 of 2]	21 November 1977-7 March 1978	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to campaigning, briefing notes on Western Australia and Tasmania, program for Prime Minister and Mrs Tamie Fraser etc. Previous NAA control number M1268 item number 7559632
2007.0010.0022	2007.0010 Unit 3	Briefing notes from late 1977 including election campaign [part 1 of 2]	2 June 1972-28 September 1977	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to investments, uranium, nuclear war, immigration, unemployment, Gough Whitlam etc.
2007.0010.0023	2007.0010 Unit 3	Briefing notes from late 1977 including election campaign [part 2 of 2]	3 October 1977-5 December 1977	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to election campaign, inflation, unemployment, nuclear safeguards policy, W G (Bill) Hayden's tax proposals etc.
2007.0010.0024	2007.0010 Unit 3	Insurance	18 November 1975-8 January 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Subject files maintained as Prime Minister.
2007.0010.0025	2007.0010 Unit 3	Inter-Parliamentary Union [part 1 of 2]	12 April 1976-30 March 1979	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to violations of human rights of parliamentarians, Bulletin copies etc.

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2007.0010.0026	2007.0010 Unit 3	Inter-Parliamentary Union [part 2 of 2]	30 May 1979-17 April 1982	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to 'Results of Sessions of Executive Committee and Inter-Parliamentary Council', Bulletin copies etc.
2007.0010.0027	2007.0010 Unit 3	Interstate Commission	1974-15 August 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Subject files maintained as Prime Minister.
2007.0010.0028	2007.0010 Unit 3	Labor Party	19 February 1976-25 February 1976	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Subject files maintained as Prime Minister.
2007.0010.0029	2007.0010 Unit 4	Sir Robert Menzies [Prime Minister's Cricket Eleven]	2 December 1975-14 June 1979	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes correspondence related to the death of Sir Robert Menzies, the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust, and the Menzies Memorial Cricket Match.
2007.0010.0030	2007.0010 Unit 4	Morgan Polls	30 October 1975-8 October 1979	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Morgan monthly unemployment index, special survey on trade unions etc.
2007.0010.0031	2007.0010 Unit 4	National Memorials Committee	16 May 1975-21 May 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to proposed meeting 21 May 1975.
2007.0010.0032	2007.0010 Unit 4	Party meetings	23 January 1976-2 May 1979	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to drugs, tourism, wine and wool industries etc.

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2007.0010.0033	2007.0010 Unit 4	PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organisation)	11 July 1975-11 July 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes correspondence discussing visas for PLO representatives.
2007.0010.0034	2007.0010 Unit 4	Sir Charles Court [Premier, Western Australia]	15 January 1976-21 December 1977	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to foreign investment into Australia, industrial disputes, South Africa, Rhodesia, North West Shelf gas development, Commonwealth-State relations etc.
2007.0010.0035	2007.0010 Unit 4	Hon Neville Wran [Premier, New South Wales]	30 November 1977-27 November 1980	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Industrial Arbitration (Oil Industry) Amendment Bill 1980, Commonwealth-State relations etc.
2007.0010.0036	2007.0010 Unit 4	Royal Commissions, Committees	16 August 1974-8 October 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to enquiries, commissions and committees appointed by the Whitlam Government, minutes of Minister's meeting with Maritime Unions 16 August 1974, etc.
2007.0010.0037	2007.0010 Unit 4	Small business	29 September 1975-7 October 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to failures, voluntary liquidations, etc.

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2007.0010.0038	2007.0010 Unit 4	Superannuation	1969-10 November 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Commonwealth and State pension schemes etc.
2007.0010.0039	2007.0010 Unit 4	Superannuation Bill 1975	1974-5 June 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Schedule of Amendments made by the Senate and Second Reading Speech by Treasurer J F Cairns.
2007.0010.0040	2007.0010 Unit 5	Taxation	10 February 1974- 4 December 1974	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes 1974 Budget taxation highlights presented by the Treasurer and Council of commonwealth Service Organisations, Australian Council of Trade Unions' Submission to the Taxation Review Committee etc.
2007.0010.0041	2007.0010 Unit 5	Vietnam	June 1971-29 May 1975	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister.
2007.0010.0042	2007.0010 Unit 5	Young Liberals [part 1 of 3]	20 September 1976-11 December 1978	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to Australian Liberal Student Federation, policy review, Victorian Division etc.
2007.0010.0043	2007.0010 Unit 5	Young Liberals [part 2 of 3]	8 January 1979-9 December 1980	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to State division meetings and conventions, Thirteenth National Convention, Young Liberal Council etc.

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Item Number	Unit/Box	Title	Date	Description
2007.0010.0044	2007.0010 Unit 5	Young Liberals [part 3 of 3]	2 February 1981-7 December 1981	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to National Youth Advisory Group, International Young Democratic Union, State division meetings and conferences, Thirteenth National Convention etc.
2007.0010.0045	2007.0010 Unit 5	Gippsland	17 November 1979-30 July 1982	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to possibility of Liberal candidate standing against Peter Nixon in federal election, transcript of meeting with Gippsland Liberals (23 July 1982) etc.
2007.0010.0046	2007.0010 Unit 5	Political Situation - Loan Raising and Public Servants before Senate	19-Aug-75	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister.
2007.0010.0047	2007.0010 Unit 5	Supply 1975 - Menzies' comments	21-Oct-75	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to powers of the Senate, 'The need for an election' speech notes etc.
2007.0010.0048	2007.0010 Unit 5	Academic qualifications [includes papers relating to extant and prospective Ministerial staff members]	29 January 1976-23 February 1981	Subject files maintained as Prime Minister. Includes papers relating to extant and prospective Ministerial staff members.