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Collection/Series Title: **FRASER, JOHN MALCOLM**

Also Includes	2011.0067
Creator	Fraser, John Malcolm
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
Creator's Historical Note	
<p>(John) Malcolm Fraser was born on 21 May 1930 in Melbourne. The Fraser family lived in NSW before moving to 'Nareen', a sheep station in western Victoria, in 1943. Malcolm Fraser attended Tudor House School in NSW (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). Malcolm Fraser was elected Liberal member for Wannon in Western Victoria in 1955. He gained his first Cabinet post as Minister for the Army in 1966 and later became Minister for Education and Science (1968-1969 and 1971-1972) and Minister for Defence (1969-1971). He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975, and in November was appointed caretaker Prime Minister following the dismissal of the Whitlam government. He served as Prime Minister until 1983. Following his political career, Malcolm Fraser has maintained a role in world affairs, as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on 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, non-religious overseas aid organisation. In 1997 he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections. Malcolm Fraser remained actively interested in issues such as human rights and the rule of law until his death on 20 March 2015.</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1952-1983
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Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Private office administrative files. This series was maintained in the Prime Minister's Office and records the administrative activity within that office during the Prime Ministership of J M (Malcolm) Fraser. It covers his entire Prime Ministership from November 1975 (when Mr Fraser was 'caretaker' Prime Minister) to 11 March 1983. Some papers have an earlier date and many originated in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Administrative Services, reflecting the close working relationship between those departments and the Prime Minister's Office. The series is concerned with a range of administrative functions and events associated with the Prime Minister's Office, including staff appointments, security, travel arrangements, office accommodation, furniture and equipment, Commonwealth car drivers and car use by the Prime Minister, Ministers and Ministerial staff. Several papers concern Mr Fraser's Melbourne Office, the Lodge, Kirribilli House, official visits overseas, Mr Fraser's appointment to the Privy Council, the family property 'Nareen' in western Victoria and other personal matters. The files include correspondence, departmental memoranda (some with a security classification), a small number of photographs etc. Some items are currently held at the National Archives of Australia (see list for details). Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1281.

Collection Category

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