17th February, 1958.

The Editor,
Warrnambool Standard,
WARRNAMBOOL.

Dear Sir,

Will you please insert in the last issue prior to the 23rd February of the Warrnambool Standard the enclosed 6-inch double column advertisement.

Also enclosed is an article on the Opening of Parliament, which I hope you will find of interest to your readers.

Yours faithfully,

(J.M. Fraser)
On the 25th February, Federal Parliament will be resuming at Canberra. The first week will very largely be a ceremonial one in honour of the Queen Mother.

When Parliament re-assembles on Tuesday afternoon Members of the House of Representatives will go to their Chamber and Senators to theirs. Both Houses will await the arrival of the Governor-General who will be making his Speech from within the Senate Chamber in accordance with the usual custom.

When he arrives the Usher of the Black Rod in ceremonial costume goes to the House of Representatives and summons the Representatives to come to the Senate to hear the Governor-General. It is the only time at which both Houses assemble in one Chamber.

After the Governor-General's speech which sets out the Government's policy and intended action for the next session of Parliament, the Members of the House of Representatives return to their own Chamber. The Representatives later begin the debate on the Address-in-Reply, which is debating the Governor-General's Speech. The person chosen by the Government to move the Address-in-Reply starts with a formal motion - "That the following Address-in-Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to" - and then he continues with his speech.

On this occasion Malcolm Fraser has been chosen to move the Address-in-Reply.

The Opening of Parliament will be broadcast over the National Station at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday.
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