

ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Honourable John McEwen

The Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Honourable John McEwen, said today that invitations had been extended to representatives of national organisations to participate in a series of economic consultations to be held on 14th and 15th July.

Mr. McEwen said that it was important for the Government to obtain first-hand and up-to-date information and views on developments in the economy from those who were actively engaged in business and industry. Regular consultations of this kind, which had begun in 1962, had greatly assisted the Government in its consideration of economic policies.

A committee of Ministers would meet representatives of a group of national organisations in Canberra on the afternoon of Wednesday, 14th July. The organisations invited to attend were:

Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia
Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia
National Farmers' Union of Australia
Australian Primary Producers' Union
Australian Woolgrowers' and Graziers' Council
Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation
Australian Bankers' Association
Master Builders' Federation of Australia
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
Australian Council of Retailers.

At 10 a.m. on Thursday, 15th July, Ministers would have discussions with representatives of the Export Development Council, and at 11.30 a.m. with representatives of the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council. At 2.30 p.m. Ministers would meet representatives of the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

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