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RESEARCH CENTRE FOR COMMONWEALTH/STATE

FINANCIAL RELATIONS

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William
McMahon, CH. MP

The Commonwealth Government favours the establishment, within the Australian National University in Canberra, of an independent Research Centre to pursue studies in the general field of Commonwealth/State financial relations.

It is in mind that the research should embrace all aspects of Commonwealth/State financial relationships, should provide for post-graduate study in this field and that the results of the research be published. The Centre will, however, act on its own initiative in relation to these matters.

We are in touch with the ANU regarding the establishment of the Centre and provision for the project in the ANU's submission to the Australian Universities Commission on the understanding that the Commonwealth will allocate special funds for the purpose.

CANBERRA,
14 February, 1972.