



PRIME MINISTER

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SPECIAL GRANTS FOR HEART AND CANCER RESEARCH

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon.
William McMahon, C.H., M.P.

The Prime Minister announced today that the Commonwealth Government had decided to make a special grant of \$250,000 to the National Heart Foundation and a special grant of \$100,000 to the Australian Cancer Society.

"The Government has noted that research in the fields of heart disease and cancer is considered to hold special promise of community benefits," the Prime Minister said.

"Heart disease is the nation's biggest single health problem in relation to mortality and morbidity and cancer is also a disease of major importance.

"The Government has therefore decided to make special grants to the National Heart Foundation and the Australian Cancer Society to assist these organisations with their promising research programmes."

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