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LANDROVERS FOR BANGLADESH

Australia proposes to provide 190 Landrovers to Bangladesh under the Australian Aid Programme, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, announced today.

"Bangladesh's transport resources, damaged extensively during the war, are still being rehabilitated and the Bangladesh Government urgently needs vehicles for a wide variety of purposes.

"The Landrovers will be supplied during 1973 and 1974 and at least half of these are expected to be available for delivery by June this year.

"The total cost of the project will be \$750,000."