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AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA

The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs today announced that Australia would contribute \$250,000 to assist Zambia in its efforts to develop import-export routes alternative to those formerly operating through Rhodesia.

Mr Whitlam said that in making a contribution, Australia was joining Britain, Canada, New Zealand and other countries who are assisting Zambia in its urgent need for transport facilities.

Mr Whitlam said the Commonwealth Sanctions Committee meeting in London today was being informed of the Australian contribution.

Two special assistants of President Kaunda visited Canberra in April to give first hand details of Zambia's position and its requirements for a variety of transport, communication and other equipment.

Mr Whitlam said details of the form of the contribution will be determined in consultation with the Zambian authorities and other members of the Commonwealth Sanctions Committee.