

## PRIME MINISTER

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## PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, today begins a three-day series of pre-Budget consultations with representatives of industry, commerce, unions and consumer groups.

At each session several other Ministers will join Mr Whitlam.

The groups he will meet are:

Monday 18 June: Primary industry; Manufacturing industry.

<u>Tuesday 19 June</u>: Export Development Council; Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council; Australian Mining Industry Council.

Wednesday 20 June: A.C.T.U.; Commerce group; Consumer group.

(NOTE: Mr Whitlam is not expected to issue any statements as a result of the talks. But presumably the groups attending the consultations will release information on their submissions.)