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PRIME MINISTER

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CHAIRMAN - INCOME SECURITY REVIEW

The Prime Minister announced today that the Chairman of the Review Group for the Income Security Review would be Mr I. Castles, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

On 8 September 1975 the Prime Minister announced the decision to undertake the Income Security Review, and the terms of reference for it. The Review Group will consist of officials from the Departments of Social Security, Repatriation and Compensation, Labor and Immigration, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury, the Taxation Office and the Social Welfare Commission.

The Group will be monitored by a Cabinet Committee of Ministers comprising the Prime Minister, the Treasurer, the Minister for Social Security and Minister for Repatriation and Compensation and the Minister for Labor and Immigration.

The terms of reference embrace a comprehensive review of Government policy in the welfare area, including consideration of important reports that the Government has received or commissioned relating to income security.

Mr Whitlam said today that Mr Castles has had excellent experience in rendering service to Australian Governments in economic policy formulation, including key participation in the formulation of the policy for the income tax system announced in the recent Budget speech.

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