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REPORT ON PORT HEDLAND CYCLONE

8.12.75 — In a statement, the Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, said:

I would like to express my concern and sympathy for those who have lost their homes in the Port Hedland cyclone.

I am relieved to hear that there has been no loss of life from the cyclone which affected Port Hedland earlier today.

I have asked the Special Minister of State, Senator Withers, to go to Port Hedland tomorrow, not only in his own capacity as a Minister but also to represent me. He will report directly to me on the damage caused by the cyclone.

I am informed that the Premier of Western Australia, Sir Charles Court, went to Port Hedland this afternoon.

We stand ready to co-operate with the State Government on the appropriate measures to relieve hardship and distress.