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### JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON THE COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON POLICIES FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

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The Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, and the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Senator Robert Cotton, today announced that Volumes III and IV of the report of the Committee to Advise on Policies for Manufacturing Industry, the Jackson Committee, had been tabled in the Parliament.

The main part of the Committee's report - Volume I - had been released on 30 October 1975. Volumes III and IV contained studies commissioned by the Committee in the course of its work. Volume II of the Committee's report containing statistical material would be released as soon as copies were available from the printer, which was expected in about two weeks.

The eight studies in Volume III deal with:

- . industrial policy in certain O.E.C.D. countries
- . the Industries Assistance Commission's approach to the development of industries
- . financing manufacturing
- . foreign-owned manufacturing firms in Australia
- . European policies regarding large foreign companies
- . worker participation in Australia
- . worker participation and policy integration in Yugoslavia and Romania
- . communication between the Australian and State Governments on industry policies.

Volume IV contains studies dealing with the economic and social aspects of seven selected industries.

Copies of the reports could be ordered through any Commonwealth Publications and Inquiry Centre.

The Government trusted that publication of the volumes would help to promote continuing discussion of the many important issues concerning manufacturing industry raised in the Committee's main report. These issues would also have to be considered in the preparation of the White Paper which would be presented to the Parliament in the Budget Session.

The White Paper would provide a basis on which industry could plan ahead with greater certainty as to the nature and direction of Government policy. Interested parties had previously been invited to forward submissions to Senator Cotton setting out their views on matters to be covered in the White Paper. At present relatively few submissions had been received and it was hoped that many more would be forthcoming before 1 July 1976.

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