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WORKING COMMITTEE ON JAPAN

An ad hoc Working Committee has been established to enquire into, and submit recommendations on, measures which might be taken to enhance the relationship between Australia and Japan.

A particular aspect of the Committee's responsibilities would be to examine the adequacy of Governmental machinery within Australia for managing relations with Japan.

Careful consideration has been given to the composition of the Committee because of the great importance which the Government attaches to relations with Japan.

A group of eminent people from a wide variety of interests - including business and government - have agreed to serve on the Committee.

The Committee will comprise:

Mr S.B. Myer (Chairman), Vice-Chairman of the Australia-Japan Foundation

Mr Garrick Agnew, Chairman of Agnew Clough Limited

Sir John Crawford, C.B.E., Chancellor of the Australian National University

Mr R.G. Jackson, General Manager of C.S.R. Ltd., A.C.

A representative from the private sector, and of whom:
A representative from the trade unions.

A Deputy Secretary from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr D.H. Mackay, O.B.E., Secretary, Department of Overseas Trade.

A Deputy Secretary from the Department of Foreign Affairs

The Government has directed the Committee to consult widely among the Australian public, government departments and agencies, academic bodies and other interested organisations. It has been asked to submit a report by the end of August.

Enquiries about the Committee should be addressed to the Joint Secretaries, Mr J.R. Holdich, of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and Mr D.M. Sadleir of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Canberra.