



PRIME MINISTER

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PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

As in past years, the Government will be holding pre-Budget consultations over the next three months with key bodies to seek their views and ideas in the context of the preparation of the Federal Budget for 1982/83.

The meetings will provide organisations and Ministers with the opportunity for a frank exchange of views on the State of the economy and discussion of appropriate Budgetary policy measures. The Government believes that these annual meetings are extremely beneficial to both the Government and private organisations.

The consultations have been scheduled early in the budgetary process so that organisations may have maximum input into the formation of this year's budget.

A diverse range of organisations will be attending the consultations, representing a wide spectrum of business, trade union and community groups. A full list of the organisations attending the consultations is attached.

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ORGANISATIONS INVITED TO THE 1982 PRE-BUDGET
CONSULTATIONS

Assembly of Australian Business Organisations
Australian Associated Stock Exchanges
Australia Association of Permanent Building Societies
Australian Automobile Association
Australian Bankers Association
Australian Chamber of Commerce
Australian Coal Association
Australian Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled
Australian Council of Local Government Associations
Australian Council of Social Services
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Australian Council on the Ageing
Australian Early Childhood Association
Australian Federation of Consumer Organisations
Australian Finance Conference
Australian Industries Development Association
Australian Manufacturing Council
Australian Merchant Bankers Association
Australian Mining Industry Council
Australian Petroleum Exploration Association
Australian Retailers Association
Australian Taxpayers Association
Confederation of Australian Industry
Council of Small Business Organisations
Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries
Heavy Engineering Manufacturers Association
Housing Industry Association
Life Insurance Federation of Australia
Metal Trades Industries Association
National Building and Construction Council
National Council of Women of Australia
National Farmers Federation
Returned Services League
Small Business Advisory Council
Trade Development Council
Transport Industries Advisory Council
Women's Action Alliance
Women's Electoral Lobby
Women Who Want to be Women
Young Womens' Christian Association of Australia