

CONFERENCES WITH INDUSTRY

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

The Government has decided to extend the range of its present consultations with industry on the economic situation in Australia.

Arrangements have accordingly been made for three additional meetings. The first of these will be held tomorrow (Thursday, 25th January) at 10.30 a.m. with representatives of the Australian Woolgrowers' and Graziers' Council, and the Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation. On Monday 29th January at 2.30 p.m. discussions will be held with representatives of the Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries, and on Tuesday, 30th January at 8.30 p.m. with the Master Builders' Federation of Australia.

Meetings had already been announced but no dates specified with the Export Development Council and the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council. These will now take place on Thursday, 1st February, at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively.

The remaining two meetings yet to be held will be with the National Farmers' Union on Tuesday, 30th January, at 10.30 a.m. and the Australian Bankers' Association on Tuesday, 30th January, at 2.30 p.m.

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