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DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH-WEST OF WESTERN
AUSTRALIA.

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, Senator ~~W. H. Spooner~~
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The Acting Prime Minister, Senator Spooner, and the Acting Treasurer, Senator Paltridge, today met the Honourable C.W. Court, Minister for the North-West in the Western Australian Government, to discuss certain matters related to the development of the North-West of Western Australia.

Senator Spooner recalled that the 1962/63 Commonwealth Budget provides for a further grant of £700,000 to Western Australia for cattle roads in the North-West of the State and also for £300,000 towards the construction of a new jetty at Derby which is also related to the shipment of cattle. Senator Spooner said that today's meeting had discussed the detailed arrangements under which these measures for special Commonwealth financial assistance would be made available to the State. The talks had been quite satisfactory from both the Commonwealth and Western Australian points of view. However, he would need to discuss the matter further with his colleagues in the Commonwealth Cabinet before any announcement could be made.

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