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CONFERENCES WITH INDUSTRY.

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON. R.G. MENZIES
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In a statement issued from his office in Canberra, the Prime Minister said that on two occasions in 1962, senior members of the Cabinet met in conference with representatives of primary and secondary industry and other economic interests in Australia in order to hear at first hand their views on current and prospective developments in the economy. These consultations have been most valuable to the Government and, as previously announced, the Government intends that further conferences should be held from time to time for this purpose.

The Government has therefore invited representatives of the bodies concerned in the previous consultations to meet Ministers in Canberra on two days in the week beginning Monday, 11th. February. The object of these conferences would be to enable the Government to be fully informed on the up-to-date views on economic matters of those directly and intimately concerned with the conduct of practical business affairs.

The first conference is proposed for 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 11th. February, and the following organisations have been invited to attend:-

- Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia
- Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia
- Australian Bankers' Association
- Australian Council of Retailers
- Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Australian Primary Producers' Union
- Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation
- Australian Woolgrowers' and Graziers' Council
- Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
- Master Builders' Federation of Australia
- National Farmers' Union of Australia

On the following day, Tuesday, 12th February, further conferences are proposed with representatives of the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council and the Export Development Council.

CANBERRA,
6th January, 1963.