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TRADE PRACTICES DEPUTATION

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

This afternoon, pursuant to the Government's general invitation to industry to offer its views, a deputation representing the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia, the Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia, the Australian Council of Retailers and the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries met a Committee of Commonwealth Government Ministers and discussed with them a joint submission on behalf of those organisations in relation to trade practices and monopolies, and the protection of small traders.

The discussions were presided over by the Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Attorney-General, the Attorney-General Designate, the Minister for Trade and Industry, the Treasurer, the Minister for National Development and the Minister for Labour and National Service.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the Prime Minister thanked the deputation for apprising the Government of the views of the organisations represented at the discussions, and said that, in framing legislation, the Government would take these views into account, together with other views that had been put to it. The Prime Minister added that when the legislation is introduced there will be a further opportunity for public comment before the debate in the Parliament proceeds.

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CANBERRA,  
17th February, 1964.

Representatives were -

Mr. T.M. Ramsay (President)	Associated Chamber of
Mr. R.W.C. Anderson (Director)	Manufactures of Australia.
Mr. L. Atkinson (President)	Associated Chambers of
Mr. R. Pelham-Thorman (Director)	Commerce of Australia
Mr. W.D. Ferguson (President)	Federal Chamber of Automotive
Mr. W.W.D. Daunt (Director)	Industries
Mr. Theo Kelly (President)	Australian Council of
Mr. J.B. Griffin (Secretary)	Retailers.