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ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. John McEwen

The Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. John McEwen, said today that senior Ministers would have discussions in Canberra next week with representatives of industry and commerce. Mr. McEwen said that these economic consultations, which had been first instituted by the Government in 1962, had proved extremely valuable as a means of securing the up-to-date views of those engaged in production and business on trends in the economy.

Mr. McEwen said that the Government placed great importance on this regular interchange of information with the private sector of the economy. He said by this means both the Government and industry and commerce were fully appraised of each other's assessment of economic trends.

The Ministers would first have discussions on the afternoon of 13th July with a group of national organisations. The organisations which would attend are :-

Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia
Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia
Australian Primary Producers' Union
Australian Wool Growers' and Graziers' Council
National Farmers' Union of Australia
Australian Bankers' Association
Master Builders' Federation of Australia
Federal Chambers of Automotive Industries
Australian Council of Retailers

On the morning of Tuesday, July 14, Ministers will have discussions with representatives of the Australian Council of Trade Unions. At 2.30 p.m. that day, Ministers will meet representatives of the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council and at 4 p.m. representatives of the Export Development Council.

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