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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 and senior Ministers today met representatives of the A.C.T.U. in order to obtain the Council's views on trends in the economy. This followed discussions yesterday with representatives of commerce and industry, and formed part of the series of economic consultations first instituted by the Government in 1962.

The A.C.T.U. was represented by Mr. Albert Monk (President), Mr. W.P. Evans (Junior Vice-President) and Mr. H.J. Souter (Secretary).

Apart from Mr. McEwen, Ministers present were the Rt. Hon. Harold Holt, Treasurer, the Hon. W. McMahon, Minister for Labour and National Service, Senator the Hon. Shane Paltridge, Minister for Defence and Leader of the Government in the Senate, and Senator the Hon. Harrie Wade, Minister for Health and Acting Minister for Primary Industry.

The A.C.T.U. representatives had put forward a number of proposals and Mr. McEwen said that the Government had also appreciated receiving the A.C.T.U.'s views on the economic situation.

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