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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 had meetings this afternoon with the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council and the Export Development Council. This followed talks yesterday with representatives of commerce and industry and this morning with the A.C.T.U.

After the meeting, Mr. McEwen said that this was the last of the present series of economic consultations first instituted by the Government in 1962. He expressed the Government's appreciation of the valuable work being done by both Councils which had been established in 1958 to advise the Government on the development of secondary industry and the development of exports.

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.

Representatives of the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council participating in the discussions were Sir James Kirby (Chairman), Sir Robert Webster, Mr. R. Irish, Mr. R. Darvall and Mr. A. Glenn. The Export Development Council was represented by Sir John Allison (Chairman), Mr. R.G.C. Parry Okeden, Mr. Leslie Atkinson and Mr. B.M. Sims.

CANBERRA,

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