

FOR PRESS :

VICTORIAN STATE INCOME TAX

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

I have been in touch with Mr. Bolte about his letter to me regarding State Income Taxation. I have told him that we have had a Cabinet discussion about this matter but that, before reaching finality, I would like him to have an opportunity, if he so desired, to send to Canberra a senior State Treasury Officer to put to the Commonwealth Treasury any further information or argument which may be available on this important matter.

He told me that he would like to have this opportunity. This is a fair course as between Governments. No implications are to be read into it one way or the other. When these talks have occurred, I will put myself into a position to communicate a decision to Mr. Bolte. That decision will then, of course, be released to the Press.

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SYDNEY,

6th October, 1964.