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PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

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

I have written to the Premiers proposing a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the financial assistance grants to the States. The present arrangements were worked out in 1959 between the Commonwealth and the States, and were given effect on the understanding that they would carry on for a period of six years. This period terminates on 30th June.

Ordinarily I would wish to have the replies of the Premiers before I mention dates publicly. But since some details of my proposals for a conference have become known, I feel that I should confirm that the particular dates I have suggested to the Premiers are 22nd and 23rd April.

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23rd February, 1965.