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ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt.

The Government this afternoon completed its current series of economic consultations when Ministers met representatives of the A.C.T.U. Today's meeting followed discussions last week with representatives of commerce and industry.

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

Apart from the Prime Minister, Ministers present were Mr. J. McEwen, Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr. W. McMahon, Treasurer, Mr. C.F. Adermann, Minister for Primary Industry, Senator N.H.D. Henty, Minister for Supply, Mr. D.E. Fairbairn, Minister for National Development and Mr. L.H.E. Bury, Minister for Labour and National Service.

The A.C.T.U. representatives submitted several proposals, and the Government appreciated the opportunity of obtaining at first hand the views of the Council. Consideration will be given to these.

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