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PRIME MINISTER SEES VICTORIAN PREMIER

The Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, had a thirty-minute discussion with the Premier of Victoria, Sir Henry Bolte, in Melbourne this morning.

During the meeting, which was held at the Prime Minister's Office, Sir Henry gave Mr. Holt a survey of Victoria's financial difficulties.

The talks were a result of a request for a meeting made by the then Acting Premier, Mr. Rylah, on the Premier's behalf while Sir Henry was overseas. Sir Henry announced his request for talks with the Prime Minister on long-term aspects of his State's financial problems when he arrived back from overseas recently.

At today's meeting, the Victorian Premier sought further joint talks between the Prime Minister, himself and the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Askin. Mr. Holt said he would discuss this proposal with his Cabinet colleagues when they met in Canberra tomorrow.

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