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NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND FLOODS

COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

Following the recent floods in Southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales, the Premiers of the two States have requested Commonwealth financial assistance for the relief of personal hardship and distress.

Although relief schemes following events of this nature are a matter for the States, it has been the practice of the Commonwealth Government, in recognition of the need on humanitarian grounds to take special action for the quick alleviation of individual cases of hardship and distress, to assist the State Governments on a dollar for dollar basis in the financing of these relief schemes.

Accordingly, I have informed the Premier of Queensland and the Premier of New South Wales that the Commonwealth will participate with their Governments on a dollar for dollar basis in the relief of personal hardship and distress occasioned by these floods.

CANBERRA,
27th June, 1967.