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VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt

I have been in touch with the Army authorities to ask them to hold themselves in readiness in case of requests from Victoria for assistance in fighting the bushfires.

I spoke to the Victorian Premier, Sir Henry Bolte. this afternoon and told him that if help was needed. he would find the Commonwealth only too willing to be of such assistance as might be required.

Sir Henry expressed appreciation for the offer. Help has not been sought at this stage.

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