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COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR KILLARNEY

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

On the night of Friday, 23 November 1968, the township and district of Killarney in South East Queensland was struck by a violent cyclonic storm which left a trail of damage and destruction throughout the area.

As is usual in disasters of this type, the Commonwealth stood ready to assist upon the request of the State Government.

Recently the Premier asked the Commonwealth for assistance on a \$ for \$ basis with the State for the relief of personal hardship and distress resulting from the disaster and I have today replied to the Premier agreeing with his request.

Officials of our respective Governments will work out the details of the Commonwealth assistance.

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