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Invitations have been extended to representatives of national organisations to meet with Ministers in Canberra next month.

Ministers will meet these organisations on 10 March in three separate groups: primary industry, manufacturing industry and commerce. The talks will, I am sure, be most useful in providing Ministers with an up-to-date appreciation of the views of those directly involved in commerce and industry.

Invitations have also been extended for representatives of the Export Development Council and the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council to have separate discussions with Ministers on the morning of 11 March and with representatives of the Australian Council of Trade Unions that afternoon.

Below is a list of the national organisations invited to be represented at these talks.

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS INVITED TO BE REPRESENTED AT ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

10 March 1969

Primary Industry Group

National Farmers' Union of Australia Australian Primary Producers' Union Australian Wool Growers' and Graziers' Council Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation Australian Wheat Growers' Federation Australian Mining Industry Council

Manufacturing Industry Group

The Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia Master Builders' Federation of Australia Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

Commercial Group

The Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia Australian Bankers' Association Australian Council of Retailers

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