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ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

The Government met with representatives of industry and commerce in Canberra today.

Today's discussions were with national organisations representing primary industries, manufacturing industries and commerce. The Government saw these organisations in three separate groups, thereby continuing the practice begun in July last year.

The talks were again worthwhile in providing Ministers with an up-to-date appreciation of the views of those directly involved in commerce and industry.

The series of economic consultations will continue tomorrow when Ministers will hold separate discussions with representatives of the Export Development Council, the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council and the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Attached is a list of those taking part in today's talks.

CANBERRA, 10 March 1969

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED AT ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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Primary Industry Group

National Farmers' Union of Australia

President - Mr F. J. McAvoy, CBE

Australian Primary Producers'

Union

President - Mr R. B. Gerrand

Australian Wool Growers' and Graziers' Council

Australian Wool and Meat

President - Mr B. A. Wright

Producers' Federation

President - Mr R. V. Sewell, OBE

Australian Wheat Growers' Federation

Australian Mining Industry

President - Mr T. M. Saint

Council

President - Mr N.S. Kirby

Manufacturing Industry Group

Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia

President - Mr J. C. Campbell

Master Builders' Federation

of Australia

President - Mr R. A. O'Neill

Federal Chamber of Automotive

Industries

Executive

Member - Mr N. W. Lawrance

Commercial Group

Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia

President - Mr B. R. Macklin

Australian Bankers' Association

Chairman - Mr C. H. Rennie

Australian Council of Retailers

President - Mr T. Luxton, DSO, MBE