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ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Government began its pre-Budget series of economic consultations in Canberra today.

Ministers conferred with national organisations in three separate groups - primary industry, manufacturing industry and commerce.

The consultations have again proved valuable in providing Ministers at first hand with the views of those directly engaged in commerce and industry. This will be of considerable assistance to the Government in its consideration of the forthcoming Budget.

Tomorrow, Ministers will have discussions with representatives of the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council, the Export Development Council and the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

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CANBERRA  
9 July 1969

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

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NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED AT

ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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PRIMARY INDUSTRY GROUP

National Farmers' Union of Australia	President	Mr. F. J. McAvoy, C. B. E.
Australian Primary Producers' Union	President	Mr. R. B. Gerrand
Australian Wool Growers' and Graziers' Council	President	Mr. B. A. Wright
Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation	Vice- President	Mr. L. H. Heaslip, O. B. E.
Australian Wheat Growers' Federation	President	Mr. K. M. McDougall
Australian Mining Industry 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. G. M. Hastie, O. B. E.
Australian Bankers' Association	Chairman	Mr. N. A. Jackson
Australian Council of Retailers	President	Mr. T. Luxton, D. S. O., M. B. E.

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