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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.

In the morning, Ministers had separate discussions with representatives of the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council, the Export Development Council and the Australian Council of Trade Unions. In the afternoon, Ministers conferred with national organisations in two separate groups - primary industry and manufacturing industry.

The discussions will continue tomorrow when Ministers will meet representatives of national organisations in the field of commerce.

These economic consultations are valuable in providing Ministers at first hand with the views of those directly engaged in commerce and industry, and the discussions today and tomorrow will be of considerable assistance to the Government in its consideration of the forthcoming Budget.

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CANBERRA,
2 July 1970

Note : Attached is a list of participating national
organisations and their representatives.

NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED
AT ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

2 & 3 JULY 1970

Primary Industry Group

Australian Farmers' Federation	Senior Vice-President -	Mr F. J. McAvoy, CBE
Australian Wool Growers' and Graziers' Council	President -	Mr B. A. Wright
Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation	President -	Mr R. V. Sewell, OBE
Australian Wheat Growers' Federation	President -	Mr L. V. Price
Australian Mining Industry Council	Senior Vice-President -	Mr J. B. Massy-Greene

Manufacturing Industry Group

The Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia	President -	Mr D. L. Elix
Master Builders' Federation	President -	Mr R. S. Prentice
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries	Vice-President -	Mr N. W. Lawrance

Commercial Group

Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia	Deputy President -	Mr W. H. Lambert
Australian Bankers' Association	Chairman -	Mr T. B. C. Bell
Australian Council of Retailers	President -	Mr T. Luxton, DSO, MBE