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ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

Ministers met today with representatives of industry and commerce and the consultations will continue tomorrow.

Today's discussions were with representatives of national organisations in three separate groups representing primary industry, manufacturing industry and commerce. Discussions will be held tomorrow with the Export Development Council, the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council and the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Against the background of the problem of inflationary pressures in the economy, today's consultations have been particularly useful in informing Ministers of the way in which those directly engaged in industry and commerce see the present situation, the measures already announced by the Government and the prospective developments.

A list of those who participated in today's talks is attached.

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