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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.

CANBERRA, 10 February 1971

# NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED AT ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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### Primary Industry Group

Australian Mining Industry

Council

President -- Mr W. M. Morgan, CMG

Australian Farmers'
Federation

President -- Mr L. R. Forrester

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

Senior Vice-President - Mr L. M. Ridd, MBE

### Manufacturing Industry Group

Associated Chambers of

Manufactures of Australia President -- Mr N. N. Herford, ED

Master Builders' Federation

of Australia

President -- Mr R.S. Prentice

Federal Chamber of

Automotive Industries

Vice-President -- Mr N.W. Lawrance

# Commercial Group

Associated Chambers

of Commerce of Australia President -- Mr G. M. Hastie, OBE

Australian Bankers'

Association

Chairman --

Mr T. B. C. Bell

The Australian Council of

Retailers

President --

Mr E. L. Byrne