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ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

Over the last three days, the Government has had extremely useful and wide-ranging discussions with the ACTU and organisations representative of major sectors of industry and commerce.

These discussions were much greater in scope, and more time was allotted than previously to enable the organisations to put their views to the Government on the trends in the economy generally and on aspects of particular concern to them.

Ministers were given up-to-date and first-hand information and assessments of the problems concerning the rural industries, particularly wool. The manufacturing, commerce and mining representatives provided an appreciation of the prospects and problems affecting their industries.

The Ministers also had the benefit of advice from the Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council and the Export Development Council which have a special advisory association with the Government.

In the course of these discussions, representatives put forward a number of proposals, some of which will require careful consideration.

The Government appreciates the preparatory work undertaken by the organisations in presenting well-documented submissions. These greatly facilitated the full and fruitful discussions which have now just ended.

The organisations represented at the consultations are shown on the attached list.

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NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED AT  
ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

Primary Industry Group

Australian Farmers' Federation	Vice-President - Mr. J. P. Cass, O. B. E.
Australian Woolgrowers' and Graziers' Council	President - Mr. B. A. Wright, O. B. E.
Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation	President - Mr. R. V. Sewell, O. B. E.
Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation	President - Mr. L. V. Price, O. B. E.

Manufacturing Industry Group

Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia	President - Mr. H. N. Herford, E. D.
Master Builders' Federation of Australia	President - Mr. R. S. Prentice
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries	Vice-President - Mr. N. W. Lawrance

Commerce and Mining Group

Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia	President - Mr. N. M. Blyton, O. B. E.
Australian Bankers Association	Chairman - Mr. G. F. Bowen
The Australian Council of Retailers	President - Mr. E. L. Byrne
Australian Mining Industry Council	President - Mr. J. B. Massey-Greene

Manufacturing Industries Advisory Council

Chairman - Sir Ronald Irish, C. B. E., F. C. A.  
Members - Sir James Vernon, C. B. E.  
          Mr. T. M. Ramsay  
          Mr. F. W. Wiltshire

Export Development Council

Chairman - Mr. D. H. Freeman  
Deputy Chairmen - Mr. R. V. Sewell, O. B. E.  
                  Mr. E. P. McClintock  
Executive Members - Mr. H. McE. Scambler  
                          Mr. N. G. Wilson  
Member - Mr. O. G. Meyer, O. B. E., E. D.

Australian Council of Trade Unions

Junior Vice-President - The Honourable R. B. Marsh, M. L. C.  
Secretary - Mr. H. J. Souter.