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POLICE ACCOMMODATION IN QUEENSLAND

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. William McMahon

The provision of Commonwealth accommodation for Queensland police during the visit of the Springboks to Brisbane was made in response to a request by the Queensland Government.

This was in the interests of public safety.

The Commonwealth Government stated it would provide accommodation only as a last resort.

This meant that the Queensland Government had to give an assurance to the Commonwealth that it could not provide the accommodation from within its own resources. This assurance was received.

In the light of the Queensland Government's Order in Council, I had an enquiry made through official channels yesterday whether the need for Commonwealth accommodation still existed.

We were informed that the need for Commonwealth accommodation still existed.

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