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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATES - SPECIAL GRANTS

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William McMahon,
CH, MP

The Commonwealth Grants Commission has considered applications made by Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania for special financial assistance from the Commonwealth for the year 1972-73 under Section 96 of the Constitution.

The Commission recently recommended payment of special grants in 1972-73 as set out below, and the Commonwealth Government has approved the Commission's recommendations.

<u>Queensland</u>		\$
Advance grant for 1972-73		10,000,000
<u>South Australia</u>		\$
Advance grant for 1972-73	13,500,000	
Plus positive completion grant: being a final adjustment of an advance grant paid in 1970-71	<u>7,500,000</u>	
Amount recommended for payment in 1972-73		21,000,000
<u>Tasmania</u>		
Advance grant for 1972-73	10,000,000	
Less negative completion grant: being a final adjustment of an advance grant paid in 1970-71	<u>2,400,000</u>	
Amount recommended for payment in 1972-73		7,600,000

Legislation to authorise payments of these grants will be introduced during the Budget sittings of Parliament.

In aggregate, therefore, special grants amounting to \$38,600,000 will be paid by the Commonwealth to the three States in this financial year, in addition to the substantially increased general financial assistance grants agreed for all States at the Premiers' Conference on 22 June last.

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