

PRIME MINISTER

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OIL INDUSTRY DISPUTE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. William McMahon, C.H., M.P.

On Sunday night in a national broadcast on the oil industry dispute, I made an appeal to the men on strike to return to work so that their outstanding claims could be dealt with by the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

I said then that if the men did not go back to work, I would arrange for Parliament to be called together this week.

Whilst I am still hopeful that all the men will return to work, I am, in accordance with my previous announcement, requesting the Presiding Officers to take steps to call the Parliament together for Friday, 4 August, at 10.30 a.m.

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