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PRIME MINISTER

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Members of the incoming Labor Ministry next week will be able to examine detailed reviews of secret or unpublished reports or documents prepared by their departments in recent years.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, has asked the head of his Department, Sir John Bunting, to have all permanent heads prepare the reviews for the new ministry.

A full list of items proposed for release will be prepared and circulated later.

Particular emphasis will be given to the release of reports or documents involving statistical exercises or social research.

Questionnaire surveys, cost benefit analyses of public investment projects, independent consultants reports and internal administrative manuals for the administration of legislation conferring rights on individuals will be among documents names specifically for release to the new government.

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