



# PRIME MINISTER

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## EQUAL PAY - AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE

The Prime Minister drew attention to the recent decision of the Australian Labor Party which endorsed the principle of equal pay to all eligible females employed by the Australian Government Service without any phasing in of the pay increases as is the case in private employment.

The Prime Minister said that the Government supported the principle of implementing equal pay without phasing in. In the Government's view, this principle should also be applied generally throughout industry.

The Prime Minister said that the Government's policy decision had been conveyed to the Public Service Board. In the light of its responsibilities under the Public Service Act, the Board has been requested to ensure that equal pay without phasing in was applied to those categories of eligible female staff affected by the December 1972 decision of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. The Prime Minister also said that the Government's policy decision related only to the method of implementing equal pay and not to the level of pay itself, which was a matter for the Public Service Board.

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