



PRIME MINISTER

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AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE - WAGE FIXATION

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, said today the Government was concerned about systems of wage increases which tend to give least to those whose needs are greatest and which tend to widen still further the gap between high income groups and those on lower and middle incomes.

The Government has asked Mr. Cameron, Mr. Bowen, Senator Bishop and Senator Willesee to consult with the A.C.T.U., the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations and the Council of Commonwealth Public Service Organisations on the appropriate procedures of pay fixation in the Australian Public Service.

Cabinet has decided not to file responses to the present applications to vary determinations covering postal grades and the second and third divisions of the Public Service.

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