



PRIME MINISTER

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Press Statement No. 273

The Prime Minister, the Minister for Overseas Trade and the Treasurer, the Ministers for Defence and for Labor and Immigration and the President and Secretary of the A.C.T.U. conferred in Canberra this morning.

It was decided that the committee composed of representatives of Australian Government departments, the A.C.T.U., Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations and the Council of Commonwealth Public Service Organisations should further investigate the possibility of obtaining alternative work within existing establishments conducted by the Department of Manufacturing Industry. The committee will report as soon as practicable. Meantime no action will be taken by the Government to reduce employment within those establishments.

It was also decided that the Ministers for Overseas Trade, for Urban and Regional Development and for Manufacturing Industry and officers of the A.C.T.U. and the unions concerned will discuss the effect of imports on employment in the textile, clothing and footwear industries.

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