



PRIME MINISTER

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCUST CONTROL

The Prime Minister, Mr E.G. Whitlam, today announced details of Australian Government assistance for locust control in Queensland.

Speaking from Alice Springs, Mr Whitlam said he had sent a telegram yesterday to Mr Bjelke-Petersen after receiving the necessary details of a Queensland request for financial assistance.

The Prime Minister's telegram stated:

"The Australian Government will be happy to provide assistance on a dollar for dollar basis up to your estimate of \$720,000. In doing so, we have very much in mind the great need throughout the world for the food crops which are endangered."

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