

PRESS RELEASE

The Prime Minister today gave details of increased Australian Government expenditure in Queensland.

Mr Whitlam was addressing a crowded luncheon at the New Melbourne Hotel.

He pointed out that Queensland received \$739 million from the Australian Government during the last financial year.

"Not only does Queensland get much much more than she did from the Liberals in Canberra; she gets considerably more per head of population than other States get now," the Prime Minister said.

"Queensland received more than \$382 per head of population in 1973-74 compared with \$343 per head in average payments to all States.

"Last year Australian Government grants for primary and secondary education were up 145 per cent on the year before, tertiary education was up 165 per cent, technical education 110 per cent, welfare housing 20 per cent, Aboriginal advancement nearly 30 per cent. Health and welfare, roads and urban and rural development in Queensland are all getting record amounts from my Government. So much for the harsh treatment of Queensland by Canberra," Mr Whitlam said.

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