



PRIME MINISTER

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PAYMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS QUEENSLAND

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam said today that a cheque for \$8,954,000 had been paid to the Queensland Treasury following the Governor-General's assent to the Local Government Grants Bill.

The sum of \$8,954,000 represents the total amount allocated to Queensland in Federal grants for local government during 1974/75. The Local Government Grants Bill was passed by the House of Representatives on 14 November and by the Senate on its last sitting day last week, 21 November.

Mr Whitlam said the cheque had been paid to the Queensland Treasury today. He explained that as a special measure for 1974/75, the Australian Government was providing the assistance in one lump sum payment.

Mr Whitlam said he welcomed the Queensland Premier's assurance that the funds would be distributed to the respective Local Government authorities as soon as possible.

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