



PRIME MINISTER

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UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION AND COMMISSION ON ADVANCED
EDUCATION

The Prime Minister, the Hon E.G. Whitlam, stated today that after consultation with the Minister for Education, the Hon Kim E. Beazley, he has decided to amalgamate the Universities Commission and the Commission on Advanced Education into a single statutory advisory body to the Australian Government on universities and colleges.

The Prime Minister said that notwithstanding the close working relationship which exists between the two Commissions, the balanced development of the provision of university and advanced education throughout Australia would benefit from the creation of a single body.

The Secretary of the Department of Education, Mr K.N. Jones, the Chairman of the Universities Commission, Professor P.H. Karmel, and the Chairman of the Commission on Advanced Education, Mr T.B. Swanson, have been asked to recommend how the amalgamation may best be put into effect. The panel, with Mr Jones as convenor, will consult with interested parties and will make its recommendations in time for legislative action to be taken during the Budget Session of the Parliament later this year.

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