



## PRIME MINISTER

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### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT STAFFING CEILINGS

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today that the Government had directed that staff ceilings for the financial year 1975/76 were to be applied to Australian Government employment.

The decision to impose the ceilings reflects the Government's determination to restrain government spending and bring down a responsible Budget in keeping with current needs.

A staff ceiling of 1.5% has been applied to the operative staff growth of the Public Service. In line with this approach, the Australian Government has also advised Statutory Authorities of their staffing limit for this financial year, Mr Whitlam said.

The Government has sought the co-operation of Departments and Statutory Authorities in maintaining a tight discipline on the use of overtime, consultants and part-time staff.

The Prime Minister said that some further reduction in the staff growth of Australian Government employment may be determined by the Government in the light of Budget Cabinet considerations.

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