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PRIME MINISTER

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GOVERNMENT AIR TRAVEL

The Prime Minister announced today the Government's decision that as a special measure of expenditure restraint persons travelling at Government expense on internal domestic airlines will, in future do so at economy class rates.

This decision will apply to Senators and Members of Parliament, members of the Australian Public Service, members of Australian Government Statutory and non-Statutory bodies and members of the Defence Forces. This decision will take effect from 1 September 1975.

The Prime Minister said that the announcement was being made at this stage to enable the appropriate Australian Government bodies and the airlines to make the required administrative arrangements ahead of the formal implementation of the Government's decision. The Prime Minister stressed that until the decision was implemented, the Government expected all persons covered by the decision to observe its spirit by travelling economy class.

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