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# PRIME MINISTER

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Joint Statement by the Prime Minister, the Hon. E.G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P., and the Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon. Lionel F. Bowen, M.P.

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## COMMITTEE TO ADVISE ON POLICIES FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

The Prime Minister today tabled Volume 1 of the report of the Committee to Advise on Policies for Manufacturing Industry - the Jackson Committee. Three further volumes containing supporting material and statistics are expected shortly.

The Committee was established on 18 July 1974 with terms of reference:

To advise on appropriate policies for the development of manufacturing industry, including:

- (1) the machinery required for integrating such policies with the Government's general economic, social and regional policies,
- (2) the place of exports and imports in the development of manufacturing industry, and
- (3) the role of firms of overseas origin in manufacturing,

and to advise on communication between the Australian Government and the private sector and the State Governments, with respect to the development and implementation of such policies.

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The Chairman of the Committee was Mr R.G. Jackson, General Manager and Director, CSR Limited; the other members of the Committee were:

Mr B.W. Brogan, Consultant, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;

Mr R.H. Carnegie, Chairman and Chief Executive, Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Limited;

Mr N.S. Currie, O.B.E., Secretary, Department of Manufacturing Industry;

Mr R.J.L. Hawke, President, Australian Council of Trade Unions;

Mr G.A. Rattigan, C.B.E., Chairman, Industries Assistance Commission;  
and

Professor E.L. Wheelwright, D.F.C., Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Sydney.

The report of the Committee is a large and complex document dealing with wide-ranging issues. It will provide a valuable basis for further involvement of the community in assessing the way in which Australia should progress in the manufacturing sector, and for determining well-founded policies. Comments upon the report or submissions to the Government about it will be most welcome; they should be directed in writing to the Hon. Lionel F. Bowen, M.P., Minister for Manufacturing Industry, Canberra, A.C.T., 2600.

The Annual Report of the Industries Assistance Commission, which was tabled today, will also contribute to the public assessment of the future of the manufacturing sector in Australia.

As well as providing a basis for discussion and debate the report of the Jackson Committee makes several recommendations which will require immediate consideration by the Government. Accordingly, a Committee of Ministers has been established to examine those recommendations only, as a matter of urgency, and advise Cabinet on them. The Committee consists of the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Ministers for Manufacturing Industry and Labor and Immigration, the Special Minister of State and the Treasurer.

The report is presently being printed and copies are expected to be available for general distribution within a few weeks. Special steps have been taken to ensure that a reasonably-priced edition is available as quickly as possible, to ensure the widest possible circulation and the fullest possible public debate before decisions are taken. Advance orders for either Volume 1 separately or for all four volumes of the report are being accepted by the Mail Order Sales Section, Australian Government Publishing Service, P.O. Box 84, Canberra, A.C.T., 2600.