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PRIME MINISTER

CANBERRA

FOR PRESS

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THE PORT HEDLAND CYCLONE

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN AND SYMPATHY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE PORT HEDLAND CYCLONE.

I AM RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO LOSS OF LIFE FROM THE CYCLONE WHICH AFFECTED PORT HEDLAND EARLIER TODAY.

I HAVE ASKED THE SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE SENATOR WITHERS TO GO TO PORT HEDLAND TOMORROW, NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN CAPACITY AS A MINISTER BUT ALSO TO REPRESENT ME.

HE WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO ME ON THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE CYCLONE.

I AM INFORMED THAT THE PREMIER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA SIR CHARLES COURT WENT TO PORT HEDLAND THIS AFTERNOON.

WE STAND READY TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT ON THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO RELIEVE HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS.