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STATEMENT BY THE RT. HON. J. D. ANTHONY, M.P.,  
ACTING PRIME MINISTER

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, MR ANTHONY, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT QUEENSLAND WOULD RECEIVE \$27 MILLION IN SPECIAL GRANTS IN 1976-77 IN ADDITION TO ITS ENTITLEMENTS UNDER THE NEW TAX SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.

THE SPECIAL GRANTS WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION AND COMPRISE AN ADVANCE GRANT OF \$18 MILLION IN RESPECT OF 1976-77 AND A COMPLETION GRANT OF \$9 MILLION IN RESPECT OF 1974-75.

QUEENSLAND'S ENTITLEMENTS UNDER THE TAX SHARING ARRANGEMENTS IN 1976-77 ARE ESTIMATED AT PRESENT TO BE \$649.6 MILLION PLUS \$24.2 MILLION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES.

"THE TOTAL OF GENERAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE TO QUEENSLAND IN 1976-77, THEREFORE, IS EXPECTED TO BE JUST OVER \$700 MILLION WHICH IS 19.4% MORE THAN THE EQUIVALENT TOTAL IN 1975-76," MR ANTHONY SAID.

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