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VISIT TO URANIUM AREAS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, Minister for National Resources and Minister for Overseas Trade, the Rt. Hon. J.D. Anthony, M.P.

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I will be visiting the uranium areas in the Northern Territory at the weekend.

Areas included in the visit will be Jabiru, Koongarra, Nabarlek and Jabiluka.

Jabiru is the site of the Ranger deposit which is the subject of the current Inquiry by Mr Justice Fox. It is expected that the Inquiry's report will, however, cover matters which will be relevant to all future uranium mining operations in Australia.

I am making a visit to the area to inform myself of the on-the-ground situation.

The Government will, of course, await Mr Justice Fox's report before making any decisions in regard to uranium development, but I believe it will be useful for me to have some personal knowledge of the areas before the Government begins its consideration of the important questions involved.

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