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PRIME MINISTER

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WORKING PARTY TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL ADVISORY BODY OF WOMEN

A Working Party has been set up to draw up recommendations for the Government to set up a national advisory body of women.

Following agreements made at a series of meetings between himself and women's organisations in early September, the Working Party was elected in a ballot by the 24 groups attending.

The members of the Working Party are:

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| Mrs Beryl Beaurepaire, O.B.E. | - Federal Women's Committee
Liberal Party of Australia |
| Miss Ruth Ross | - Business and Professional
Women's Association |
| Ms Pat Harper | - National Council for the
Single Mother and Her Child |
| Mrs Valerie Fisher | - Country Women's Association
of Australia |

The Working Party will be serviced by the Women's Affairs Branch of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Working Party will be responsible for presenting recommendations on the size, role, representation and functions of a national advisory body to me and will consult as widely as possible with women's groups around Australia.
