



## PRIME MINISTER

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### SPECIAL GRANT FOR QUEENSLAND

The Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, announced today that Queensland would receive a special grant of \$24.8 million in 1977-78 in addition to its tax sharing entitlements.

The special grant was recommended by the Commonwealth Grants Commission and comprises an advance grant of \$14 million in respect of 1976-77 and a completion grant of \$10.8 million in respect of 1975-76.

The total general revenue assistance paid to Queensland in 1976-77 (i.e. payments of tax sharing entitlement plus special grant) was \$687 million. On present estimates corresponding payments in 1977-78 are expected to increase by something of the order of 15%.

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