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INQUIRY INTO BEEF MARKETING AND PROCESSING

BY THE PJT

I have written to State Premiers requesting their co-operation on having relevant state and municipal abattoirs included in the inquiry to be conducted by the PJT into charges for beef marketing and processing.

The PJT will examine margins at every stage of beef marketing and processing including charges by livestock selling agents, abattoirs and other processors and prices charged at the wholesale and retail levels.

Details of the inquiry will be announced at a later date.

I believe the outcome of the inquiry could greatly assist the search for marketing reforms and assist in restoring viability to the ailing cattle industry.
