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### **Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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#### **Special grant for Queensland**

31 July 1978 -- The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser, announced today that Queensland would receive a special grant of \$21.7m in 1978-79 in addition to its tax sharing entitlement. The special grant was recommended by the Commonwealth Grants Commission and comprises an advance grant of \$16m in respect of 1978-79 and a completion grant of \$5.7m in respect of 1976-77.

The total general revenue assistance paid to Queensland in 1977-78 (i.e. payments of tax sharing entitlement plus special grant) was \$795m. On present estimates corresponding payments in 1978-79 are expected to increase by something of the order of 10 per cent.