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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Prime Minister today announced two grants to mark the Government's recognition of International Women's Day.

The Government is to provide \$22,635 to a National Women's Advisory Council research programme on women at home.

The programme will be carried out by the Women's Research Group of the Knox Community Relations Centre. It will examine the economic, social and physical situation of women in the home and their perception of their role.

As well, the Prime Minister said that the Government had decided to give financial support to the Working Women's Centre in Melbourne.

The Centre is sponsored by the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations and receives support from a number of other trade unions. It aims to raise consciousness within the trade unions of the needs of women members.

A grant-in-aid of \$25,000 a year for the next three years is being considered.

\$12,500 has been provided for the remainder of this financial year.

The Prime Minister said he hoped the Government's initiatives would lead to a better understanding of the contribution of women to Australian society.

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