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## PRIME MINISTER

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TELEGRAM TO TASMANIAN PREMIER, MR. LOWE

The Prime Minister has sent the following telegram to the Premier of Tasmania, Mr. Lowe:

"I was surprised to receive your telex of 4 July requesting a meeting to discuss airfares.

"At no stage during the Premiers' Conference did you raise this matter with me. Nor did you raise any other matters specifically relating to Tasmania. This was despite the fact that there was ample opportunity to do so, either when you came to dinner with me at The Lodge on 28 June or at the other times specifically set aside to give Premiers opportunities to raise matters of particular concern to their States. A number of Premiers took advantage of these opportunities, but you did not.

"Against this background, I have no intention of holding discussions on airfares with you during the course of an election campaign. I shall, however, be happy to discuss the matter with the Premier of Tasmania following the election."

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