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PRIME MINISTER

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PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

As in past years, the Government will be holding pre-Budget consultations over the next three months with key bodies to seek their views and ideas in the context of the preparation of the Federal Budget for 1981-82.

The meetings will provide organisations and Ministers with the opportunity for a frank exchange of views on the state of the economy and discussion of appropriate Budgetary policy measures. The Government believes that these annual meetings are extremely beneficial to both the Government and private organisations.

This year, consultations have been scheduled earlier in the budgetary process so that organisations may have maximum input into the formation of this year's Budget.

A diverse range of organisations will be attending the consultations, representing a wide spectrum of the business community, taxpayers, trade unions, consumers and women's groups. A full list of the organisations attending the consultations is attached.

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ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING PRE-BUDGET
CONSULTATIONS 1981-82

Heavy Engineering Manufacturers Association
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
Australian Mining Industry Council
Australian Petroleum Exploration Association
Australian Coal Association
Australian Manufacturing Council
Small Business Advisory Council
National Farmers Federation
Australian Retailers Association
Australian Taxpayers Association
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Council of Australian Government Employee Organisations
R.S.L.
National Building and Construction Council
Housing Industry Association
Australian Association of Permanent Building Societies
Confederation of Australian Industry
Australian Industries Development Association
Metal Trades Industry Association
Australian Federation of Consumer Organisations
Australian Council of Local Government Associations
Australian Bankers' Association
Australian Finance Conference
Trade Development Council
Travel and Tourist Industry Advisory Council
Transport Industries Advisory Council
Assembly of Australian Business Organisations
Australian Associated Stock Exchanges
Australian Chamber of Commerce
Life Insurance Federation of Australia
National Council of Women of Australia
Women's Electoral Lobby
Women's Action Alliance
Women's Welfare Issues Consultative Committee