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# PRIME MINISTER

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## CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

The statement issued by the Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs, Mr Moore, has been drawn to my attention. I have, of course, told him and the Minister for Health, Mr MacKellar, that there must be a full disclosure of all the relevant facts. I shall be taking the opportunity of speaking to the two Ministers in Canberra on Monday, when Ministers assemble for the Cabinet meeting.

The general position on customs procedures as far as Ministers and Members of Parliament are concerned is quite clear. Instructions were issued at my request in 1976 to ensure that Ministers and Parliamentarians returning from overseas undergo the same customs and quarantine formalities as other Australian citizens returning home.

I shall be asking the Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs to bring under notice again and reinforce the instructions that were issued in 1976.

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