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(THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS STATEMENT BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER,
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REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL 1982 REVIEW

The Remuneration Tribunal's 1982 Review, which is being released today, sets a clear example of wage restraint. The Tribunal, properly, has placed great weight on the submissions put to it by the Government regarding the economic situation facing Australia.

As a result, the Tribunal has decided that the salary increases for politicians, senior officials and judges, should be kept as low as is reasonable, and well below the increase in the C.P.I. since its last review.

The Tribunal's modest and responsible findings have come at a critical time. If this lead is followed by major Australian companies at senior levels of their own organisations, by other wage-fixing tribunals, and by wage and salary earners generally, it will help us turn the corner in achieving the levels of wage restraint throughout the workforce which are now so vital, particularly in the cause of saving jobs.

I welcome the Tribunal's findings. It has done a very good job.

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