



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP

PROGRESS ON ECONOMIC STATEMENT

I will convene the first meeting of the co-ordinating committee of Ministers for the Economic Statement for next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The group comprises myself, Mr Howe, Senator Button, Senator Evans, Mr Dawkins and Mr Willis.

The primary aim of the first meeting will be to consider which ideas promoted by business and trade unions during the recent round of meetings are worthy of further consideration.

Departments will then be directed to examine these proposals in more detail.

The Government regards the series of national meetings in Sydney and Melbourne as an unqualified success.

Business and unions from each State were represented and the meetings were conducted in a spirit of co-operation with a clear focus on getting the recovery underway.

As I have already announced, the Minister for Small Business and Customs, Mr Beddall, will convene a meeting of the Small Business Coalition, which I will attend on Thursday 6 February .

I have already made it clear that I and senior Ministers will be visiting other capital cities at various times before the Statement is delivered.

It is my intention to visit each State capital - Adelaide next Thursday 30 January, Perth on Friday 31 January and Brisbane on Monday 3 February.

Senior Ministers will also visit regional centres. Details will be announced when finalised.

I consider it important to develop a sense of national purpose towards this Economic Statement and to that end I and my Ministers will continue to make every endeavour to seek positive contributions from around Australia.

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