



PRIME MINISTER

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FOR MEDIA

FEBRUARY ECONOMIC STATEMENT - LOCK-UP DETAILS

The Economic Statement will be delivered by the Prime Minister in Parliament at 7.30pm, Wednesday, February 26.

Lock-up arrangements will revert to the old Budget-style lock-ups.

There will be three lock-ups - one in Parliament House, Canberra and one each in Sydney and Melbourne. These will commence from 2.00pm on February 26.

All venues will be 'media only' lock-ups.

The Parliament House venue will centre around the Main Committee Room. One committee room will be set aside for the PM's press conference to be held during the lock-up, probably about 5.00pm

Access arrangements to the Parliament House Committee Rooms (including for installation and testing of equipment etc.) will be the responsibility of individual attendees and/or organisations. Access will generally be available from Tuesday, February 25, 1992.

Access to Sydney and Melbourne lock-ups will be similar.

Media are reminded of the terms and conditions for entry to the lock-up. A sample Form of Undertaking is attached for information. Any breach of the undertaking may result in the journalist and/or organisation being banned from future lock-ups.

A note will be posted on the Press Gallery notice board. Organisations should nominate those seeking access to the lock-ups, which venue they wish to attend. This note will be collected every few days.

Those unable to advise in this manner can contact Peter Jackson on (06) 271 5328. All names of those intending to attend the lock-up must be received by February 20.

Normal telephone equipment for use at the end of the lock-up will be arranged locally if requested. Specialised equipment will need to be initiated by individuals/organisations direct with Telecom (after details have been cleared through the relevant Government official).

Further to this note, I have written directly to major media organisations about more technical details.

For the Canberra venue, a plan of the Committee Rooms with designated space allocation will be displayed in the press gallery as soon as possible.

Attendees should make their own arrangements for refreshments.

For any general information about lock-up arrangements contact Peter Jackson (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet) on (06) 271 5328.

For information about the Canberra lock-up contact Rolf Bandte (06) 263 2794.

The Melbourne lock-up will be at the World Congress Centre. For details about the Melbourne lock-up contact Julie Toms (03) 641 8855.

The Sydney lock-up will be on the 1st Floor, Palsonic House, 4-16 Yurong Street, East Sydney. For details about the Sydney lock-up contact Paul Collins (02) 361 9602.

Please note that only bona-fide media representatives will be granted access to the lock-ups. No provision can be made for other groups or individuals.

Copies of the Statement will be on sale at all Government Book Shops at 7.30pm (EST) on February 26.

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FORM OF UNDERTAKING

I, as an accredited
(PRINT FULL NAME)

representative of
(PRINT FULL NAME OF ORGANISATION)

and deriving the main component of my earned income in the media industry, accept the courtesies extended to me in relation to early perusal of the Prime Minister's Economic Statement and other related documents in full understanding of the conditions under which they are offered.

These are that I will not:

- (a) allow the documents or their content or any part thereof made available to me to find their way into hands other than those of my principals and my immediate assistants before 7.30pm AEST on Wednesday 26 February 1992;
- (b) make or permit any publication, written or by other means, of any facts, statements, opinions or the like contained in the Statement or related documents prior to the Prime Minister completing the delivery of that Statement on the night of Wednesday 26 February 1992 with the exception that radio and television stations may broadcast progress news bulletins (as distinct from commentary), provided that none of the contents of the Statement is revealed until the Prime Minister himself has conveyed it to the Parliament or otherwise disseminated its contents; and
- (c) bring into the lock-up any equipment capable of transmission of information to outside the lock-up other than that specifically approved in writing by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or its authorised agents.

I have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that my principals are made fully aware of these conditions.

SIGNED