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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

COMPUTER RESEARCH.

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A computer project which could make a significant contribution to hospital and medical care around the world was announced today by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan.

The project will make use of a CONTROL DATA CYBER 73 computer - just delivered to the S.A. Government to lift the capacity of the Government's data processing centre servicing a growing demand from departmental users.

Mr. Dunstan said agreement had been reached between the State Hospitals Department and Control Data Corporation to work jointly on the development of a project to use computers to maximise the resources of a hospital to provide the best possible patient care.

The Premier said computers had been used for some time in individual sectors of medicine and hospital administration, but to date, nowhere in the world had all this knowledge been pooled to provide a total service.

South Australia was in a unique position to pioneer this research through the new teaching hospital being built at the Flinders Medical Centre.

The basic research would cover the use of computers in:-

- Admissions, discharges, transfers and patients' records.
- Orders for goods and services, i.e. medicines and X-rays.
- Specialised medical functions, i.e. laboratory analysis and patient monitoring.

Mr. Dunstan said it was hoped that the research project would be completed in three years in time for the opening of the Flinders Hospital.