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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.HOUSING GRANT.

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South Australia will receive \$500,000 as its share of the \$6 million emergency Housing Grant approved last month by the Federal Cabinet. The South Australian Premier, Mr. Dunstan, was told this today following talks in Adelaide with the Federal Housing Minister, Mr. Les Johnson.

Mr. Dunstan said \$200,000 of this would go towards housing for the aged.

Mr. Johnson gave details on South Australian share following talks on the new Commonwealth State Housing Agreement. Mr. Dunstan and Mr. Johnson said, after the talks, that they had resulted in a large measure of agreement, although there were still many matters of detail to be decided upon at the Formal Commonwealth State Housing Ministers Conference in Canberra on March 23, 1973.

Mr. Johnson and his advisors forwarded detailed submission on the proposed new Agreement at the talks with Mr. Dunstan and senior South Australian Government Officials. Mr. Dunstan will examine the submission further before the talks in Canberra on March 23. Mr. Johnson said he was very happy with the progress achieved during today's discussions.

"Naturally, there were a few areas of disagreement between Mr. Dunstan and myself, but nothing insurmountable arose at the discussion", he said.

Mr. Johnson will leave Adelaide tonight for Melbourne, where he will hold similar talks tomorrow with the Victorian Housing Minister, Mr. Dickie. Tomorrow's talks, in Melbourne with Mr. Dickie, will complete the round of preliminary discussions conducted in the past three weeks with the State Housing Ministers. Mr. Johnson will now prepare a final submission on the new Agreement to put before the meeting in Canberra on March 23, 1973.