

Cavanagh to meet NACC members

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh, is due to meet three members of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee in Canberra today to discuss resolutions passed by the congress at its meeting in Canberra last week.

The committee called on Senator Cavanagh to resign and for funds allocated to Aboriginal affairs to be administered by the 41 member committee.

Senator Cavanagh will have talks also with the Secretary of his department, Mr B. Dexter, on whether he has power to continue payments to the members.

Last week's meeting resolved to accept a constitution which, if approved by the Government, would give the members administrative powers in addition to their acting in an advisory capacity to the Minister.

In accepting the constitution, the group also changed its name from the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee to the National Aboriginal Congress.

It is understood that Senator Cavanagh will discuss whether this move has altered the functions of the group for which Cabinet originally authorised payment.

Cabinet approved payment of \$6,000 a year to each member, plus a \$3,000 allowance on the basis that the committee should act in an advisory capacity on matters concerning Aboriginal affairs.

ADELAIDE, Monday — One of the four South Australian members of the committee, Mr J. Stanley, 31, said today that Senator Cavanagh was arrogant and would not listen to reason.