



PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: What do you think of Mr Sinclair's position?

PM: Precarious.

JOURNALIST: Why do you say that?

PM: I just contrast what he says with what Sir Joh says about the outcome. Sir Joh says an absolute victory for him and Joh is not always wrong. It is a humiliation, total humiliation, for Mr Sinclair. He was making all sorts of brave noises before he went into his meeting and then had to sign a virtual handover of his party and eventually his leadership to Sir Joh.

JOURNALIST: Do you expect to be attacked on the economy today, Prime Minister?

PM: You never know what you will expect from what passes for an Opposition but we are ready for whatever they may have to say.

JOURNALIST: Do those figures make you vulnerable?

PM: They were at the top end of expectations, certainly, and we would have liked to have seen them lower but we have the right economic policies for a very difficult situation that has been imposed upon us from outside. Our policies are correct, they are understandable and they are there - as distinct from the Opposition who have no policies at all. None.

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