



PRIME MINISTER

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING MP
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J: Prime Minister have you wimped it on the Republic?

PM: Well, no. Well given that I was the first one in Australian public life to champion it at a Federal election, I am certainly going to continue this change. But, again, the Government has been rather occupied with the Budget and other things so that, you know, merchant bankers and investors have more time on their hands than Prime Ministers and Treasurers. So we will get around to it in due course.

J: When will we see the preferred option?

PM: Well not so far away.

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PM: Well not so far away, it will certainly be before an election.

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