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# PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY

I express my disgust at the remarks made in the Parliament yesterday about my Press Secretary, David Barnett. Mr Barnett is a responsible and professional journalist and has carried out his duties in a proper and professional manner. The remarks made about him, if made outside the Parliament, would be libellous.

The Opposition is abusing Parliament by making use of Parliamentary privilege for a cowardly attack of this kind. Anyone who knows David Barnett will condemn it.

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