



**PRIME MINISTER**

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I have now seen transcripts both of what the Attorney-General said on Radio 2GB early this morning and of his personal explanation in Parliament today.

Senator Evans was not in any way intending to attribute direct or indirect responsibility to the Opposition for the outrageous bombing of Justice Gee's home.

Indeed, because he was aware that remarks about the dangers involved in creating a climate of opinion hostile to the judiciary might be misconstrued as an unfair attack on the Opposition, he in fact, as I understand, specifically made the point to the ALP Caucus meeting this morning that any such remarks in answer to Parliamentary questions would be inappropriate.

We will not allow any misconstruction of Senator Evans' statement to divert attention from the totally unprincipled behaviour of the Opposition in relation to the whole tapes issue.