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## PRIME MINISTER

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The Leader of the Opposition obviously wants to back down from reckless charges he has laid against me.

But instead of honestly and openly admitting he has no substance for his claims Mr Peacock has constructed an elaborate smokescreen.

On many occasions in recent days he has had the opportunity to come clean with the electorate and confess he has made an error.

Now, after claiming to have evidence to substantiate his allegations he has tried to obscure the central issue.

If after making the gravest possible charges he is unable to substantiate them, as today's statement clearly demonstrates, he is left without credibility and without integrity.

It is even more tawdry that he now seeks to get himself off the hook by undermining the stature of the National Crimes Authority.