



## PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: ... public debate with Mr Peacock ... your attitude on that.

P.M.: ... the attitude. What I've said earlier on that Mr Peacock's behaviour over recent months has been so appalling, the making of false charges, the embracing of the tactic of smear and innuendo and insinuation - totally baseless. It's not one that's made me feel that I should ... with him. But I've said, at least alluded(?), we'll probably debate with him. But you see I debate with him all the time in the parliament.

JOURNALIST: But it's a little bit different isn't it?

P.M.: On the contrary it's easier debating outside the Parliament. It's much easier and I have no worries about debating Mr Peacock. That's not the point, one wonders whether I should ... with him really. But I believe that if it's appropriate that at some stage during the campaign I should have a debate with him. I look forward to it because, as I say, I've nothing to worry about. Our policies are better, they've worked better than the previous Government's, the record of the Liberal and the National Parties in Government and in opposition is absolutely appalling. It's recognised by the people to be so. I'm quite happy about it. As I say we'll work it out just when and how we'll do it.