



PRIME MINISTER

TRANSCRIPT OF PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE -
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JOURNALIST: (inaudible)

PM: Don't you understand that if Senator Grimes leaves then someone has to move into the Ministry of Community Services. By definition there has to be someone moving into that. By moving someone into that there is a vacancy from where that person came. Very simple.

JOURNALIST: I was just wondering why Senator Tate just didn't go straight into that role?

PM: The Community Services portfolio was held by the fourth senior member of the Cabinet, a Cabinet position. I don't bring in someone who has just come into the Ministry and put them in the Cabinet.

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