



PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: Mr Hawke will housing be one of the things you'll take on now that you are back?

PM: Yes, well that will be one of the things we will be looking at.

JOURNALIST: Mr Elliott, probably one of your dear friends, has suggested that there is a tax loophole by which he rents -

PM: Rents his stubbies? I saw that yes.

JOURNALIST: What's your reaction?

PM: Well I don't know. I mean I obviously haven't got all the details of that at my fingertips but I'm sure those who know about it, Mr Boucher and others, are looking at it.

JOURNALIST: Do you think perhaps it's morally wrong?

PM: Well let me wait and see, until I've got more information on it.

JOURNALIST: Mr Hawke, how do you think it went?

PM: From our perspective it went very well, thank you. In each of the countries we were able to establish a much firmer base I think for relations of Australia with them, that's with the Republic of Korea and Thailand and Pakistan and India. Now on a more substantial basis I think the opportunities for developing our economic trading relationship have been enhanced, as well as relations in a whole range of other fields, cultural, sporting and so on. It's been very very worthwhile from Australia's point of view.

JOURNALIST: Inaudible

PM: It was hard work but yes I enjoyed it. I think everyone else did.

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