



PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: inaudible

PM: It's a free society and I was very pleased to have the opportunity of talking with the chemist.

JOURNALIST: What did you tell him?

PM: I said these things. Firstly, that we had made an offer to the chemists early on and they were very close, I think there was only about one vote or so on their council against accepting it. So then we had no alternative but to go to the Tribunal, a Tribunal which as I reminded him was set up not by us but by our predecessors, by the conservatives. They set the Tribunal up and in setting the Tribunal up they said in the Parliament in introducing the legislation that it was appropriate to have these decisions distanced from the Government. That's why they set up the Tribunal. -

JOURNALIST: inaudible

PM: What I'm telling you is the answer to your question. Can I please finish giving you the answer. I told him that we went to the Tribunal set up by our predecessors because there couldn't be agreement. He said he thought it was a good idea ... the Tribunal, I said well yes that's what we've done but now the Tribunal's giving its decision you don't seem to agree with it, he said that's right. What needs to be done now is that we talk with your guild. Please use your influence to get them to talk with us because there is room, definite room to go beyond the decision that was made by that Tribunal in respect to some things that concern me and that's what we want to do. So I think he understood that.

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