



PRIME MINISTER

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I sincerely regret the statements I made to Mr Bob Bell in Whyalla.

I was upset by the fact that he denied the existence of the recent tax cuts, and his assertion that I and the politicians were "lining our pockets" with pay rises when in fact last year and this year I personally had initiated action to impede the Parliamentary salary increases which had been independently determined.

However this was no excuse for the language I used and I hope that Bob Bell will accept my apology in the spirit in which it is offered.