



## PRIME MINISTER

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JOURNALIST: Were you pleased to hear of the balance of payments figures today?

PM: Well, they were certainly at the lower end of expectations, so that was good. But you can't, you know, can't read a final story into one month's figures, but we'd rather have them there than at the higher end of the range. Yes, that's true.

JOURNALIST: Do you rule out an election this year, Prime Minister?

PM: Gee, you don't take long do you? No, I've got nothing to add to what I've said before on that.

JOURNALIST: Do you agree with Treasurer Keating's statement that interest rates may not come down before June next year?

PM: I want to see the whole context of his statement.

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