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PRIME MINISTER

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JOINT STATEMENT WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND TREASURER, PAUL KEATING

We have today had a long and constructive conversation in which Paul conveyed he had intended no offence nor implied any challenge to me in his remarks last Friday night.

The Treasurer apologised for any harm his remarks caused.

I said to him that I intended to remain through this term as leader of the Party and wished to see him continue as Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer.

Paul confirmed that he totally concurred with this course.

We confirmed our commitment to continue together to pursue the creation of a more competitive economy with lower levels of inflation and to expose the inadequacies and dangers of the Opposition's regressive prescriptions.