



PRIME MINISTER

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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON. P.J. KEATING, MP

HEWSON HIDES FROM QUESTION TIME

Today Dr Hewson revealed his new strategy for Parliament - he intends to ask me no questions and have his deputy move frivolous censure motions.

He is under pressure and cannot handle the Parliamentary forum.

Dr Hewson should appreciate that the Government is not bound to accept frivolous censure motions - sooner or later he will have to front.

When he does he will be subjected to the same scrutiny I have subjected him to over the past two weeks.

When he accepted the job of Opposition Leader he said he would restore Question Time to its rightful place.

Suddenly, the man who used to ask the questions doesn't like the answers.

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