

PRIME MINISTER

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- J: Are you confident tomorrow's conference won't break down into a brawl between the conservative States and the Commonwealth?
- PM: Don't put too low a connotation on the word brawl'. Issues are important, and issues are worth defending. The Commonwealth has made pretty clear decisions about industrial relations and I'll be very interested to see what the States have to say. But on the rest of the agenda, I think we've got no reason to believe we won't have, as we did last time, a very cooperative meeting.
- J: Will you be seeing Mr Kennett before the formal meeting tomorrow?
- PM: He's not asked me to, no.
- J: Will Victoria get all its \$1.6 billion now you've found another \$2 billion blowout?
- PM. That will be discussed tomorrow.

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