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

The allegation tonight by Dr Hewson that I have corruptly benefited personally from Government decisions is an unsustainable and outrageous slur.

Dr Hewson, who last week decried factual revelations about his tax minimisation as "gutter politics" has tonight made a highly defamatory claim which he knows he cannot back up.

He should withdraw it and apologise immediately.

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