



5.

**PRIME MINISTER**

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

**THE SPEAKER, THE HON L.B. MCLEAY MP**

Contrary to media reports tonight, I have not applied any pressure to the Speaker Leo McLeay to resign his position.

In a conversation with the Speaker this evening, I have assured him that I am prepared to await the outcome of the review now being conducted by Sir Laurence Street. I believe all fair minded people would have the same view.

The matter in question is a compensation matter the damages over which were awarded by an officer of the Commonwealth.

I have every confidence that Sir Laurence Street will find that the Speaker has acted in an entirely proper manner.

**CANBERRA  
5 February 1993**