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**PRIME MINISTER**

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PM: I would just say that it is always a matter, a great feeling of history to be in Berlin, to be with the Mayor in this, what may be and probably will be the city which more than any other typifies the new Europe. The reconstruction of Germany, the reunification, the draw from the East, the prospect of a United States of Europe, I suppose, the future of this city as much as any other, its future says as much about that as any other city in Europe. And, with the reunification and with the Federal Government coming here there is a chance to repair Berlin's broken heart and I think that is something we all look forward to. So, I appreciate the welcome that the Mayor has given us, to see the reconstruction of the city and this famous place here, the Brandenburg Gate and Pariser Platz, to see Berlin come to life again as the central city of the German state.

J: Mr Keating, what about the future of Australia?

PM: The future of Australia at the moment is we have just passed 560,000 jobs in two years. That is a record in the western world, I think, for employment growth and that is not a bad future.

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