

Prime Minister

Mr Walker's Weekend Speech, Saturday 25th July

There was no printed extract of the speech available to the Press, other than that released by PA.

The facts are as follows, as I understand them:

Mr Walker rang Press Association on Friday (24th) and arranged to ring Chris Moncrieff on Saturday morning (25th).

In particular, Mr Walker asked Chris for the whole of his extract to be issued and this was agreed to by PA.

In the light of this information it might be reasonable to ask Mr Walker:

- (a) Can he confirm that he made this arrangement with PA?
- (b) Can he confirm that the quotes published over the weekend from his speech were the words he himself dictated to PA on the Saturday morning?



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