

KEY: Well it's a wide range I'd say Mikey. I mean we, we obviously take soundings and talk to a lot of people. Yeah I undertake ah foreign, ah, foreign visits as does um Murray McCully our foreign affairs ah spokesman. We've, you know, recently been in Washington and as you're aware I was in Samoa last week, um, yeah I was at the Australian, New Zealand leadership forum from that relationship's perspective and the New Zealand/US partnership forum. So firstly there's that personal sort of engagement, ah secondly there's obviously a lot...

PRESENTER: Surely, surely having spent that much time doing, doing well with those people and especially in Washington and the, the US New Zealand partnership forum that sort of thing you must have, you must be well aware that there's, that of the absolute gaffe that you've made with this about the Iraq thing.

KEY: No, the ah, you know, the position's quite clear. I was asked a specific question in relation to the invasion I answered it.

PRESENTER: Well did you know, I mean you said the technical war on Iraq was about 2 weeks.

KEY: That's right the conventional war.

PRESENTER: So, so what's the thing that's costing \$2.2 billion now.

KEY: The insurgency and the post, you know, conventional war period. There's a Government installed in Iraq isn't there.

PRESENTER: Yeah.

KEY: Okay and that Government is not fighting the coalition of the willing is it.

PRESENTER: No but the in, so the insurgency, so the insurgency is different to a war.

KEY: Hold on Mikey, the war in Iraq was, was the coalition of the willing fighting the regime in Iraq.

PRESENTER: Oh so that was the invasion.

KEY: That's correct.

PRESENTER: Yes and so the war is what's going over there now myself, that's how I read it.

KEY: That's the civil war.

PRESENTER: Yeah but that's not just people just fighting each other is it. It's people fighting the coalition of the willing. So, so that, that's a war.

KEY: But that's, yeah okay, different though from the conventional war. I was asked about the invasion of Iraq.

PRESENTER: Right well um, okay well let's talk about this um the talk of this week of privatising the school system.