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The Difference between the Government and the former Minister
of National Defence

1. There is only one point of difference between the Government and the former Minister of National Defence.

That point is: Whether resort to conscription has become necessary to provide adequate reinforcements for the army.

2. There is no question of the government abandoning its policy of 1942. I stand squarely by every statement I made in the debate on Bill 80.

3. There is no difference between the Government and the former Minister on the merits of conscription and the voluntary system.

The former Minister (Mr. Rolston) said
(Unrevised Hansard, July 10, 1944, p. 4753):

"I am for keeping our army overseas 100 per cent volunteers if we can do it"