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EXCLUSIVE

PM failed as treasurer, says Costello

Howard years 'not a success'

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THE Treasurer, Peter Costello, has exposed the bitterness at the core of the Federal Government by describing his leader, John Howard, as a failed economic manager.

"The Howard treasurership was not a success in terms of interest rates and inflation," Mr Costello told the authors of a



'Much of the Treasurer's political career has been an

Onselen, associate professor of politics at Edith Cowan University in Perth, said he had interviewed Mr Costello twice last year, in August and October. The second author is Wayne Errington, a lecturer in politics at the Australian National University.

Mr Costello, whose leadership ambitions have been frustrated by Mr Howard's tenure, portrays his forbearance as one of the Government's great strengths.

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