assertion /əˈsɜːʆ ə n / noun

something that you say or write that you strongly believe

***Lib Dems threaten to block monitoring laws*:**

**While acknowledging the Government's assertion that some changes are required to tackle organised crime and terrorism, Tim Farron says universal access is not needed.**

***Trial and Error*:**

**QUENTIN MCDERMOTT: But the crown's assertion that Gordon Wood knew how Caroline Byrne's body**