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House of Commons and Westminster

This last month has been an extremely busy time for me, in Parliament!

Firstly we had the debates on the Report stage and 3rd reading of the **Education Bill**. I 'rebelled' on three issues, voting against the Government for amendments requiring ballots of parents before a school can become a trust school; on selection arrangements; and on the membership of trust school governing bodies.

I spoke during the second reading debate on the **Compensation Bill**, as I am extremely concerned about clause 1, which I believe would significantly reduce the rights of injured people to compensation. You can see my speech by [clicking here](#) or view the press release [here](#).

I applied for, and was granted by the Speaker, a special debate to mark the **350th anniversary** of the readmission of the Jews to England. I led the debate, and you can see my speech by [clicking here](#).

My colleague Stephen Pound MP secured a debate on the **Armenian Genocide** during the Ottoman period in Turkey, and I made several points during the debate. You can view the full debate by [clicking here](#).

My second private member's Bill of this session, the **Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill** came before the House of Commons on the 16th June. The Bill aims to open the civil service to a wider range of people, but keeping reserved for UK nationals sensitive posts. The Bill fell, as the Conservative Party talked it out and formally objected to it – despite the Bill actually being Conservative as well as Government policy!

During **Prime Minister's Questions**, I raised the appalling tragedy of the murder of Kiyon Prince, stabbed outside the London Academy. The question and answer can be seen here, [Click here for PMQ's](#). During **Electoral Commission questions**, I raised the location of polling stations, as I am concerned about the position in parts of the constituency, where people have to go too far to vote, please [click here](#). During **Community and Local Government questions** I raised the fire service dispute in Hertfordshire, which you can see by [clicking here](#).

The **Human Rights Committee** which I chair is continuing its inquiry into **people trafficking**. We have heard very harrowing evidence from a number of sources, particularly relating to the trafficking of children.

The committee published a report on the UK's compliance with the U.N. convention against **torture**, which raised a whole series of issues of topical interest, such as extraordinary rendition, the return of terror suspects to their own countries, the use of evidence possibly

obtained by torture; and the rules affecting the armed forces, when overseas. All the committee's reports and proceedings can be viewed on our website. [Click here for the JCHR web site.](#)

I supported the **British Chinese Community's** protest at unfair changes to immigration rules, by presenting their petition to Parliament, in my role as Chair of the All Party Chinese in Britain Group.

I have sponsored and signed the usual wide range of **Early Day Motions**, to see them [click here.](#)

To see my written **Parliamentary questions** see the bottom of this email for instructions on how to use the [Parliamentary Search Engine](#), which you can use to see them all, or just those that you have a particular interest in.

Other activities in Parliament included attending a very informative and useful meeting with Israeli **Prime Minister Olmert** during his recent visit; and I met the **Defence minister**, to sort out what I hope will be the final details of the revised compensation scheme for WWII prisoners of the Japanese; as chair of the London Labour MPs, I met with the **Probation Service**; and met with the **Housing Minister**, to discuss the shortage of social and affordable homes in London in general and Barnet in particular.

I attended the thanksgiving service for the **Queen's 80th birthday** at St. Paul's, representing the House of Commons; and I was very honoured to be invited to the service at **Bevis Marks** synagogue, for the 350th anniversary.

I hosted a dinner at the House of Commons to celebrate **Edgware Rotary Club's** jubilee. Last but by no means least, I ran in **Sport Relief's "Westminster Mile"**; I was second, of the London MP's participating!

Constituency

I spent most of the half term week calling on residents around the constituency, especially in **Colindale** and **Hendon** wards.

I visited **Gadsbury Close** sheltered housing scheme in West Hendon, to talk with residents; and spoke at **Barnet Multicultural Day**, held at Algernon Road.

I visited the **Independent Jewish Day School** and attended the charity concert for **Ella and Ridley Jacobs home**.

I held tea parties for residents in **Burnt Oak** and **Hendon** wards, for people to meet with me and discuss issues of concern.

I also attended the **Grahame Park Summer Fun Day** and spoke at the **Barnet Refugee Festival**.

Media

I appeared widely in the national media, to discuss the Human Rights Committee report on Torture referred to above, including interviews on **ITV, Channel 4** and **Sky** news; and **Radio 4's "World at One"** and **"Today in Parliament"** programmes.

I also was quoted on the "Prescott Affair", appearing on [Newsnight](#), [Channel 4](#) news (twice), ["World at One"](#), ["PM"](#) on Radio 4, as well as [BBC radio news](#) and in the [Independent](#).

I appeared on [BBC London](#) TV news about safety on the Underground, and appeared in two stories in the [Sun](#) about Muslim extremism and George Galloway.

I was interviewed on [LBC](#), about the 350th anniversary.

The full range of press releases I have issued to the local and specialist press can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

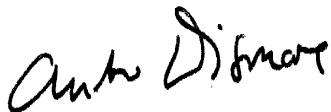
I would be very interested to hear any feedback on the issues raised in this report. I am also considering starting a series of occasional meetings for constituents, probably on Sunday afternoons, to receive feedback, both from these reports and more generally on what is going on in and around the constituency. Please let me know if you would like to have invitations to such events, which will be held at my constituency office next to the Town Hall in Hendon. To register your interest email me with your name and address, just [click here](#).

I hope that you have found this report of interest, and if you would like to receive my specific subject based reports just [click here](#). If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to let me know by emailing me at updates@hendonlabourparty.com.

If you have any friends or neighbours in Hendon who might be interested in this report, please feel free to send it to them. If they would like to be added to my email list please ask them to email updates@hendonlabourparty.com.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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