

February 25th. 2016

To: John Bercow re. Behaviour of David Cameron MP in Parliament

Sir

I notice with dismay the very unpleasant personal attack on Jeremy Corbyn MP Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition by the British Prime Minister in parliament recently.

Insulting a fellow member of the House of Commons with comments about his clothing and appearance are simply childish behaviour and suggest the money spent on David Cameron at Eton College was wasted.

Indeed I would urge his mother to reclaim the fees as clearly he learnt very little except how to misbehave and bully those with whom he is unable or unwilling to deal with in a civilised and polite manner.

I am also particularly disappointed that you chose not to intervene in the Prime Minister's thuggish ' Bullingdon Club bully boy' behaviour.

Can I remind you and also David Cameron that the British people have a right to expect good behaviour from members of Parliament at all times.

They are setting an example and need to remember this at all times.

Indeed one of your duties and that of your office should surely be to remind them of that fact whenever the need arises.

I would be grateful if you can provide me with a written explanation as to why you appear to condone gross rudeness in parliament within the next 14 days. I would add that I expect a letter from you personally not an assistant or aide.

Many thanks



c.c. David Cameron MP
c.c. Jeremy Corbyn MP

24/2/2016

Dear Mr Speaker,

The Reason I am writing
to you is to complain about
The Noisie Drunken Rascal that
call themselves M.P's & Gentlemen
and Ladies making so much
noise when the Pr. of orien or
any other m'p is speaking, I watch
the Program on TV when I can,

I want to Hear what is being
said. and not a Drunken Rascal,
it is insulting not only to the
Genard Public, But most of all
To the Queen whom they Represent,

Sincerely yours

Pto.



23.2.16

John Bercow MP
Speaker of House of Commons
London.

Dear Sir,

My 15 year old grand daughter is very interested in politics. We watch The Parliament Channel together & share many interesting conversations on various issues. I try my best to explain how government works.

However I have great difficulty in explaining to her why ministers behave so appallingly in the commons, particularly when the Leader of the Opposition speaks. A recent such event has been circulated on social media and my grand daughter cannot understand why ministers are permitted to behave so disrespectfully. When I have tried to explain your role in proceedings, she cannot understand why you do nothing to stop it.

Can you please explain it to us both?

Yours sincerely,



24 February 2016

John Bercow Esq
The House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Mr. Bercow

I am writing to express my utter disgust of MPs' behaviours during the weekly PMQ in the House of Commons. What had made it worst was that you - Mr Bercow seem to enjoy the childish behaviours that demean the serious matters about people's lives, instead of putting an order to the house.

It is not a joke that our NHS is being ran to the ground.


It is not a joke that we have a serious humanitarian crisis since the second world war.

It is not a joke that the fundamental services for young and old people are being cut whilst MPs enjoy their annual pay raise which I do not think they deserved at all.

It is not a joke that we have to witness that our government is behaving in such appalling way like spoilt children who are throwing their toys out of their prams.

These are the people who are supposedly keeping our country in some sort of order. I am absolutely appalled and deeply sadden their conducts. It is disgraceful.





Dear Mr Bercow,

I have to write to you "AGAIN" about the behaviour of the Tory ministers at PMQ especially David Cameron.

He comes out with personal insults to Jeremy Corbyn setting all the Tories jeering and laughing. You don't do anything about it

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This is not acceptable
and should never
be allowed.

I am 77 years old
it disgusts me this
pedicure they are
doing.

Why Mr Bercon
do you allow this?
Tell me please?

Yours Sincerely





The Speaker's Office,
House of Commons,
London, SW1A.0AA

27th January 2016

Dear Mr Bercow,

I recognise that you have a busy, exacting and extremely important role within the House of Commons however I would appreciate you helping me resolve a dispute among members of our club regarding Prime Minister's Question Time.

Two factions within our Legion club have contrary views about the origins of the behaviour of MPs at PMQ's. One faction believes that the current behaviour is modelled on the Chimpanzees' Tea Party held at London Zoo between the 20's and 70's. This is the majority view, based on the fact that many of the older members will have seen this on children's television and have subsequently passed this learned behaviour to the newer members.

The opposing faction insists that MPs would have originally gone to the zoo in the 1920's to study and hence adopt this behaviour, and that the behaviour is now enshrined in the constitution in much the same way as all the pre-planned questions that now fill PMQs are.

The outcome of your deliberations does involve the forfeiting of some good English ale by the losing group as well as a donation of funds to either the RNLI or MNDA.

Yours Sincerely





25 January 2016

Rt Hon. John Bercow M.P.
Speaker of the House of Commons
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr Bercow

Re Prime Minister's Question Time

I am writing to express my concern about the behaviour of MPs during PMQs. Each Wednesday MPs are given the opportunity to raise matters of public concern with the Prime Minister. This arrangement should provide a platform for all MPs to demonstrate to the electors that they are working on their behalf at both a local and national level. Sadly, this is seldom the case.

When the Prime Minister is at the Dispatch Box answering questions from MPs one would expect that they would be interested to hear what he has to say. What we see on our TV screens, however, are MPs busy gossiping and exchanging jokes with each other, texting, using their I-pads or reading reports. Not only is this disrespectful to the office of Prime Minister, it creates a bad impression and does little, if anything, to encourage members of the public to engage in the political process.

Worse still is the oafish behaviour that MPs indulge when in the Chamber. MPs are regularly ridiculed, heckled or shouted down. Behaviour such as this in the House is disgraceful and belongs to Greyfriars School rather than the Mother of Parliaments.

The behaviour of the Prime Minister is also a matter of concern. He rarely answers questions put to him by members of the opposition. At PMQs held on Wednesday 13 January, for example, Jeremy Corbyn used all of his allocated six questions to seek clarification from the Prime Minister on the announcement that 100 sink housing estates were to be demolished. This proposal would obviously have enormous implication for the tenants living in them and it was entirely appropriate that the Prime Minister should be asked to clarify matters. David Cameron fails to recognize that tenants currently housed in these estates are part of their local community. They will have relatives, children, jobs etc that form an essential and meaningful part of their lives and identity which the prime minister, of all people, should recognize. Instead all six questions were left unanswered and David Cameron's replies were little more than a series of pre-scripted statements designed to

obstruct attempts to get to the facts of the case. Half-truths and statements taken out of context regularly feature in David Cameron's replies at PMQs. This is demeaning to his office as Prime minister and an insult to the nation he has been appointed to serve. It is little wonder that the public at large show little interest in politics when they see senior politicians acting in this manner. How are we to encourage young people to engage in the political process when they are provided with role models such as these?

The coming months will see the House of Commons debating matters of national importance. Membership of the EU, immigration, national security, Trade Union reform and many more challenging issues will be discussed in the Chamber. MPs appear to have little, if any, understanding of public service. They need to understand that they are elected to represent their constituents and that they are paid from the public purse. The public has the right to expect that all MPs will debate these matters in an ordered and mature manner. I know that you in your capacity as Speaker of the House have also expressed concerns about the manner in which MPs behave in the Chamber. I urge you to use your position and authority to restore a sense of order and purpose to the manner in which all MPs go about their work when in the House.

Yours sincerely



BARRATT, Peter (Speaker's Office)

From: Speaker's Office
Sent: 17 February 2016 09:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Order in the house @ PMQ's

Dear [REDACTED]

Mr Speaker has asked me to thank you for your e-mail of 16 February and to reply on his behalf.

The Speaker notes what you say and would like to point out that, like you, he deplores bad behaviour from all sides of the House. He sets great store by proper standards of behaviour and does his utmost to encourage such standards in the Chamber.

Mr Speaker has also asked me to say that he recognises that the Chamber does have its noisy and unruly moments, most typically during Prime minister's Questions, when the Chamber it is at its busiest. However, this is by no means typical of parliamentary business, most of which is conducted in a much more orderly fashion.

Parliament is not however, a debating society; it is the arena in which political argument finds its expression and it is inevitable that from time to time, passions run high. But there is not a parliamentarian who does not wish that the media would pay more attention to the occasions when the house of Commons examines issues in depth.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Barratt
Speaker's Secretary

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2016 18:49
To: Speaker's Office <speakersoffice@parliament.uk>
Subject: Order in the house @ PMQ's

Hello Mr Speaker,

I write with frustration and annoyance and I assume you are the fellow to go to raise my grievance at what I observe at Prime Ministers Questions and, I assume at other such meetings.

I am from Scotland, therefore do not vote conservative as my moral and political views do not support them. However I am yet to find a party that I can agree on with every issue. That is not my concern however.

I watch PMQ's to get an insight into the character and views of politicians, and what I see is a disgrace from the party in power. Currently David Cameron will quite happily answer questions from conservative MP's with clearly 'stock answers' prepared in advance which make him look 'good'. From a personal point of view I don't see pontificating any use to anyone.

My main concern is when the leader of the opposition takes to ask a question. A generally well behaved house of commons suddenly becomes snide and vocal when he asks his question - more than often a question from a member of public like me or one of your family or friends outside of the Westminster bubble - and there are laughs and haranguing and disruption which you can see Mr Corbyn waiting for it to die down. I am also not a labour voter, please understand this.

the interests of a healthy debate, could you not enforce more control over the conversative 'hyenas' and allow respect for the member of the publics question? This would shorten the time taken to ask the question and for Mr Cameron to blame Labour. Could you imagine if they said 'A question from John, from England' and before your question was even asked, you'd be thinking 'Wow, they are taking the mick out of me' you wouldn't feel great.

I propose that you take more control, change 'history', encourage real debate and actually discuss matters properly - PMQ's is a pantomime - the ordinary member of public will watch QT and at a push PMQ's - watching these all I think is to despair at how childish the whole thing is.

Can you assure me you will talk with all sides of the house and ask them to up their game and act like adults?

If you need me to put this into a letter to get a response, please let me know.

As a famous person said once "Be the change you want to see in the world" you are in a privileged position to influence this, I hope you will take on my comments which are echoed by many of my friends and colleagues and be the catalyst for change to a more meaningful accessible considerate politics.

Kind Regards,

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BARRATT, Peter (Speaker's Office)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2016 14:24
To: Speaker's Office
Cc: BERCOW, John
Subject: MPs Behaviour

*Replied to
by e-mail
15/2*

Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP/Speaker

Dear Sir,

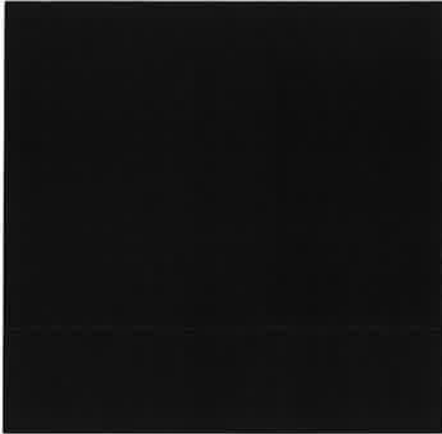
As a Scot and a member of the SNP, I would like you to know how disgusted and annoyed I am at the total lack of respect shown to all SNP MPs asking questions at PMQs and Scottish Questions sessions.

I know you reprimand the worst offenders (mainly Conservatives), but they do not appear to fully comply with your polite requests. May I suggest a "Yellow/Red card" system be implemented. At Holyrood recently the Presiding Officer dealt with an example of bad behaviour by James Kelly (Labour MSP) by having him escorted out of the debating chamber during the session. Since the bulk of the Conservative MPs show their obvious disregard for Scottish matters (quite clearly seen on tv chatting and laughing, ignoring the debate), I feel the chamber should be closed during the Scottish Questions session after which those not involved can enter for the next session. Do these people not realise how much of an embarrassment they are to themselves, as well as potentially bringing the Parliament into disrepute ?

It is obvious the Conservatives have no time for the SNP MPs, as evidenced by the unfortunate tone of some of the answers from Mr Mundell, Ms Soubry and the PM, but a little professional behaviour and good manners should be compulsory. The SNP MPs are simply trying to represent their constituents. Are we not supposed to be better together ?

I should be pleased to have your comments on the points I have raised.

[REDACTED]



Dear Sir

Me and my Wife were watching Prime Ministers question time when one of our grandchildren came to stay with us for a few hours and although he is only eleven years old he is quite grown up and intelligent but nevertheless we offered to change the channel for him but he said it was ok and he didn't mind.

After about fifteen minutes or so he asked us why was that man (pointing out the Prime Minister) so rude and bad mannered to some people who ask him a question, as my mum and dad and you and nanna don't behave that way and I would be in trouble at school if I spoke to my teacher like that.

We found it difficult to explain the situation away but it certainly woke us up to the realism that we had become used to watching Mr Cameron insulting people from the opposing benches and that it had taken our young grandson to make us again realise that this type of appalling behaviour is frankly unacceptable for anyone let alone the Prime Minister of our Country.

As Speaker of the House is it not your responsibility to rebuke such behaviour or is Mr Cameron a law unto himself.

Yours Faithfully.





Tel: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

2nd February, 2016

Dear Mr Bercow,

Like most women in their early 60s I watched yesterday's debate on the Women's State Pensions with interest and I appreciated the way you admonished Shailesh Vara for failing to answer the questions which were put to him.

It would have been nice if you'd also corrected his faulty mathematics. I was born in 1955 and started work in the early 1970s when wage equality was but a distant dream. When I started work I was not paid enough to rent, let alone buy a property and there was no possibility of putting aside any money for a decent pension, especially as I had to pay a twelfth of my pitiful salary as my National Insurance contribution. I was told, at that time, that I would receive my pension at 60. Now I am told I have to wait till I am 66. This is a difference of 6 years, not 18 months as stated by Mr Shailesh.

This 18 month myth seems to have circulated around Westminster and no one has bothered to do the simple maths. For two weeks running the Prime Minister has repeated the same lie in PMQs and Mr Shailesh said yesterday that many women wouldn't even have to wait 18 months but would receive their pension a mere 12 months late. Where does he get his figures from? Even if we take the earlier rise in the retirement age of 63, which I understand was agreed on in 1995 (although we women weren't informed of the change), the difference is 3 years, not 18 months.

While I appreciate that increased life expectancy and equal pay legislation (which means that younger women are indeed better off and more able to make alternative pension arrangements than my generation) could be said to justify the increase in women's retirement age, this should have been properly staggered. I was not happy that my pension age was increased to 63 but would have accepted this three year hike. A six year extension is not however acceptable, especially as the government keeps insisting it is a mere 18 months.

Obviously women in this age group as so busy looking after aged relatives and helping out with grandchildren that they have neither the time or the energy to organise the kind of political action which might make the government listen. We are however the rump of the Tory party's electorate and we will make our views known at the next election.

In the meantime, as Speaker of the House, would it not be possible for you to impose some kind of sanction on Mr Vara Shailesh for misleading the house with his inaccurate figures? Or are MPs allowed to lie in parliament with impunity?

Yours sincerely,



5/12/2015

DEAR SIR, MR BARON =

IN MAY THIS YEAR; YOU MADE RULING: REGARDING
APPLAUDING BY SCOTLANDS ELECTED SNP MEMBERS.

YET WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOU SIR FAILED IN YOUR SO UNBIASED
CLAIMED ROLE. YOU ALLOWED THE TORIES TO
JOIN THEIR LABOUR COLLEAGUES IN APPLAUDING HILARY
BENN'S SPEECH; AND BEHAVIOUR BORDERING ON A WILD WEST
LYNCH MOB. TO SEE THEM ACTING WITH IMPUNITY AGAIN.
PROVES YOU ARE NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE. ONE RULE
FOR TORIES ANOTHER FOR SNP. AS AN EX REGULAR
(15 YRS) SOLDIER WATCHING THE TORY RANKS, LEFT A SOUR TASTE
IN MY MOUTH. SURELY IF WE WANT TO GO TO WAR
IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD VOTE NOT MUMMIES WHO
WANT TO BOMB AND KILL INNOCENT CIVILIANS. YOU
ALSO SIR; ALLOWED CAMERON TO LIE TO PARLIAMENT ON HIS
BOGUS BATTALIONS READY TO JOIN INDEED. SO WILL YOU REFER
HIM TO A COMMITTEE? OR WHAT ACTION? WILL YOU TAKE IN
THIS SERIOUS MATTER. IT SEEMS DESPITE BLAIRS LIES
NO ONE IS TO BE HELD TO ACCOUNT, IN HOUSE OF INFAMY!
BASED ON THESE ANTICS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT I NOW BELIEVE
SCOTLANDS NEEDS TO CLAIM BACK ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN
THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. THERE IS NO DEMOCRACY IN THE
UNGODLY HOUSE OF COMMONS. OTHER RACE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
TO HISTORY. THESE LORDS ARE WORSE THAN "BENEFIT CLAIMANTS"
AND NONE ARE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, IF THAT IS MOTHER OF PARLIAMEN
YOU CAN KEEP IT!!

YOURS SINCERELY



18 DECEMBER 2015

Dear Mr Speaker,

I would like to register my disgust at the appalling behaviour of a small number of MPs during the recent Autumn Statement.

I recently took my nephew to a Christmas Pantomime, and the following day tuned into Prime Ministers Question Time, I must say that I found it difficult to distinguish which one was aimed at the adult audience.

I fully appreciate the caustic humour you deploy, to deal with such juvenile behaviour. It seems at times that you are the only person in the house, who is concerned with its tarnished image. It is disgraceful that you are even forced into a position of shouting "order, order!" especially when dealing with supposedly highly intellectual individuals!

The present sanctions against misbehaving MPs are woefully inadequate and I suspect some MPs with outside interests, might actually welcome a short suspension from the House.

I would like to make a few suggestions of how to restore some dignity back to the Chamber. I would introduce a new code of conduct, based on the principal of a three strikes and out policy.

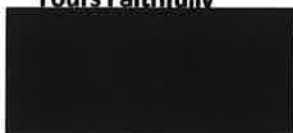
Strike 1 (accompanied by a yellow card): A grovelling apology to the House, just before Prime Ministers Question Time, thus ensuring a full audience is guaranteed to witness such a pathetic spectacle.

Strike 2 (Red card): The offending MP's face would be paraded on the largest and most prominent billboards in the country, accompanied with an audio description of the misdemeanour.

Strike 3 (Black card): A one way ticket to Australia, and a starring role in "I'm a celebrity, get me out of here!" for the next ten years. The humiliating prospect of having to spend some time in the company of the other minor celebrities on the show may well prove to be the ultimate deterrent.

I would gladly be of assistance, should you require any help implementing these measures.

Yours Faithfully



John Bercow
Speaker of House of Commons

26th February 2016

Dear Sir,

Common Debate re Europe about 3pm on Thursday

25th February 2016
(Twenty Fifth)

A DEPUTY SPEAKER was on duty.

A, I believe a Conservative, member was giving a ~~speech~~ speech.

A woman "Foreign ^{Affairs} ~~Office~~" MP was sitting on the Opposition front bench. There were not many MPs in the house.

- (i) If the member's speech was boring the woman's behaviour on the Opposition front bench was plain rude.
- (ii) As the member's speech was well prepared, delivered well, interesting and pertinent (e.g. talking, inter alia, about the workings in the Brussels ^{EU} Civil Service).

her behaviour, in my opinion, was just plain rude.
She continually typed into an iPad for a long period, held up a paper to read and showed zero interest in the ^{MP} speaking.

The MP speaking was obviously agitated by her

behaviour and spent a great deal of time avoiding looking in her direction. He eventually ended up mainly looking towards those MPs behind him.

Why does the Deputy Speaker not call her to order??*

I note you have a pleasant amicable way of reprimanding MPs.

Perhaps you could tell your Deputy Speaker however that ~~you~~ they have to make sure that MPs behave in an appropriate manner especially when seen on television.

Yours Sincerely



* At my recent birthday I had to reprimand a grandchild for continually using an iPad. What hope do we have educating our children over the uses of iPads etc when MPs in the house do not care about their image? Common politeness has to be learnt from a good example.

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Speaker Bercow,

Please can the conduct of 'P.M.Q's' be improved?
Listening to reports on radio has prompted me
to write to you. The sounds of M.P.s shouting,
hooting, goading & insulting one another makes me
feel very ashamed. Wednesday 13th January 2016 -
I was horrified. Do MPs realise how they are behaving?
I am aged over 80 with almost adult grandchildren. How
shocking that our Parliament's behaviour sets such a bad
example to our youngsters and throughout the world
Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

