Launching Labour’s 'Woman to Woman' campaign

On 11 February, myself, Gloria De Piero, Shadow Minister for Women & Equalities and Lucy Powell, Vice Chair of the Election campaign, launched Labour’s biggest ever women’s campaign to reach out to women across the country ahead of the General Election on May 7. Women from across Labour’s team will be visiting over 70 constituencies to ask women what they want from Government and highlighting Labour’s commitments to women including helping them balance work with caring commitments, promoting flexible working, tackling domestic violence & increasing pay transparency. You can read more about the tour on www.labour.org.uk/women or let us know your views via Twitter #Labour4Women

Gloucester Grove Estate advice surgery and walkabout

The Gloucester Grove estate in Peckham is one of the largest estates in my constituency and the Tenant’s Management Organisation (TMO) has recently taken on responsibility for managing the housing needs of all its residents. I joined local councillors Barrie Hargrove and Johnson Situ for a walkabout with Bassey Bassey (Chair), Abiola Olutunji (Manager) and members of the TMO Board to hear residents’ concerns about the recent problems with heating and hot water. The advice surgery in Wickway Community Centre was extremely busy with over 30 residents coming for help with their problems.

Supporting Labour’s BoS candidate

Local Labour party members and councillors joined me and Neil Coyle, Labour’s Parliamentary candidate for Bermondsey and Old Southwark, to open his campaign office on Tower Bridge Road. Campaigners will be busy in the coming weeks talking to residents and helping to ensure we get a Labour MP elected in BoS.

Campaigning locally ahead of the 2015 General Election

Thanks to all the local members and councillors who joined me on Saturday mornings for campaigning in Camberwell & Peckham on the Southampton Way estate in Brunswick Park, East Street Market in Faraday, Hollydale Road area in Nunhead and in Grange and East Walworth in Bermondsey and Old Southwark.

P.S. These are just some of my activities. For further information about my work in the constituency, as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport please see my website www.harrietharman.org
The ‘Woman to Woman’ Tour: Labour will show that it is the only Party which will deliver for women in terms of its people, policies and politics by running a campaign which:

- Has a strong offer for women in its manifesto
- Puts women's concerns at the heart of the campaign
- Reminds women voters about Labour's strong record on issues like childcare, family care, equal pay and tackling domestic violence
- Highlights the Tory and Lib Dem actions which have made life harder for women such as tax changes, a crisis in A&E and the continued pay gap
- Harnesses the energy, strength and breadth of Labour’s women activists
- Draws on the talent of Labour women members, trade unionists, MPs, Peers, Councillors, MSPs, AMs & MEPs
- Works in partnership with women's organisations and the women's movement

Casework Update Feb 2015

Since my last report in Jan 2015:

- Action on 495 cases
- Including 158 new cases
- 3 advice surgeries
- Attended by 94 people
- Average reply time: 10 working days

Getting to Clubland: Bus Routes: 468, 148, 171, 45, 68, 176, 12