

## Harriet Harman - MP for Camberwell and Peckham

Report — February 2016

### GC - AGM

At our AGM last month Jo Baxter stood down after 13 years as our CLP Secretary. No local CLP could have had a more dedicated, hard-working and principled secretary. She always had time for everyone in the party and worked hard with party members in every ward as well as with the councillors. I want to thank her for the



great personal support she has given me as your MP and wish her all the best for the future.

**Thank you Jo!**



### Disclosure & Barring Service delays

The Disclosure & Barring Service provides the important police check that has to be made before people can get a job with children or vulnerable people. The last thing anyone expects when they are offered a job is for that offer to be put at risk. Not because they are criminals and have done something wrong, but because of the DBS missing self-set targets on timeliness which leave applicants unable to take up their jobs, get paid and putting them under financial strain. I've asked the Home Secretary how many DBS applications from Camberwell and Peckham had taken more than 60 days to process in the last 12 months. 2,371 applications by residents of Camberwell and Peckham took longer than sixty days and the delays only seem to be getting worse. Last month, over 20% took longer than 60 days – the highest proportion in the last twelve months. Read my article in Southwark News [here](#).

### Peckham Regeneration

At the beginning of the month I met Mark Williams, Councillor in charge of Regeneration & New Homes to discuss Southwark Council's plans for regeneration in Camberwell & Peckham, these include:

- 20,000 new homes and more than 5,000 new jobs in the Old Kent Road Opportunity Area.
- Redevelopment of the Aylesbury Estate where all previous tenants have the right to return.
- Redevelopment of Peckham Rye Station, and a nearby hair & beauty hub for local businesses.

### Labour's Equality Act is protecting vulnerable people from Tory injustice

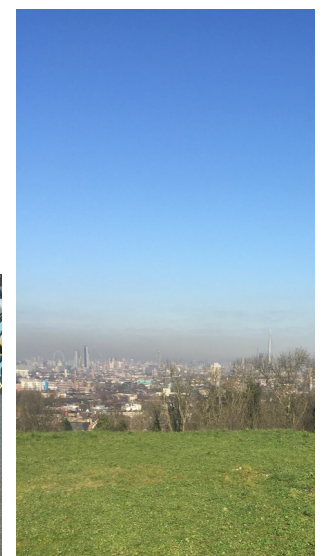
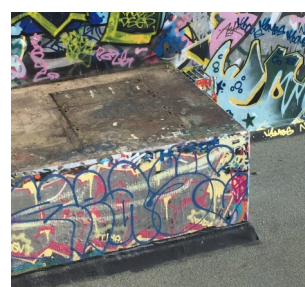
The new law that will force U.K. companies of over 250 employees to reveal their gender pay gaps was introduced by the last Labour government in the 2010 Equality Act. It was the very last piece of legislation that the government I was part of passed before we got kicked out of power after losing the general election in May of that year. But until now the Tories didn't bring it into effect. It was just gathering dust. The Equality Act was our last bill through Parliament. But even now, six years later, it will play its part in tackling unfairness and inequality. Read my full article [here](#).

### Nunhead Reservoir— Site visit with Thames Water

Nunhead Reservoir, owned by Thames Water, stores drinking water for South London. It regularly falls victim to vandalism, break-ins, graffiti and littering.

I visited the site with senior Thames Water representatives and local Cllr Renata Hamvas to discuss options for public access and how we can safely open it to local people.

There are wonderful panoramic views from Nunhead Reservoir. Thames Water are a private company but should be a good corporate citizen in our local area while protecting public health and safety.



These are just some of my activities. For further information about my work in the constituency please see my website

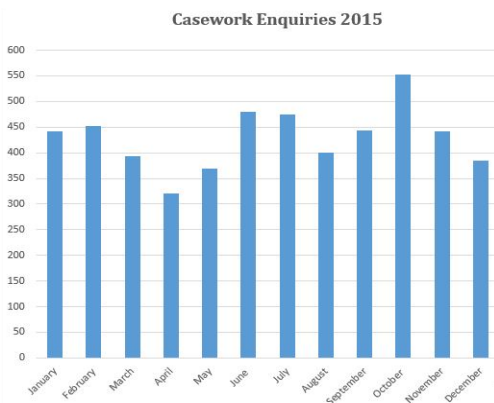
[www.harrietharman.org](http://www.harrietharman.org)

## Casework Figures Summary 2015

A major part of my work as MP for Camberwell and Peckham is helping constituents with a wide range of problems. People seek my help for many different reasons including housing problems, immigration and visa problems and benefit entitlement. Casework enables me to help my constituents as well as keeping me in touch with the problems they face.

### January - December 2015:

Total number of enquiries:	5153
Total number of new contacts:	1458
Total number of existing contacts:	3635
Total number of advice surgeries:	32
Total number of people attending:	906
Average response time:	9 days



## EU Referendum

**Thursday 23rd June 2016**

Don't forget to register to vote so that you can vote to keep Britain in the European Union. Find out about registering [here](#).

## Joint Committee on Human Rights Update

This month the Committee and I have:

- Published our report on threats to Human Rights in the Trade Union Bill.
- Met Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.
- Met Adam Wagner, prominent human rights blogger, on public perceptions of the Human Rights Act.

You can find the website for the Joint Committee on Human Rights [here](#).

## Recently I have voted:

- Against cutting central Government funding of policing.
- Against cutting benefits for ill and disabled people.
- For the publication of the Google tax settlement.

But Labour lost all these votes because we are in opposition - we must win the next election to be able to make positive change!

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**MY ADVICE SURGERIES ARE AT  
Walworth Methodist Church 'Clubland'  
54 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EW**

## Surgery Dates in March

- Tuesday 8th at 5pm
- Friday 18th at 9am



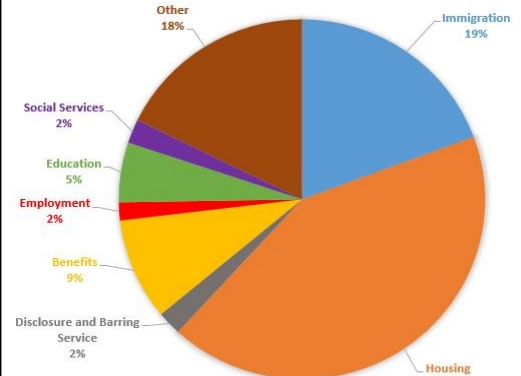
Getting to Clubland: Bus Routes: 468, 148, 171, 45, 68, 176, 12

## Casework Update February 2016

Since my last report in January:

- Action on 388 cases
- Including 113 new cases
- 2 advice surgeries
- Attended by 59 people
- Average reply time: 10 working

### BREAKDOWN OF CASEWORK ISSUES - FEBRUARY 2016



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