Coronavirus Crisis Parliamentary Report 5

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COVID and the Chancellor’s Summer Statement to ease the lockdown

- 17,900 employees in Camberwell and Peckham have been laid off work in the government’s furlough scheme, and over 5,000 self-employed people are receiving payments from the Government’s SEISS. But I remain very concerned about what will happen when employers have to contribute to the pay of furloughed employees at the end of this month. How many will be able to afford to? The fear is that it will precipitate a wave of redundancies at a time when the number of job vacancies being advertised is at an all time low. I’m also concerned for the self-employed and freelancers who are in sectors of the economy which have yet to be re-opened but who’s payments from the government are coming to an end. Instead of giving all employers a bonus for taking back any furloughed staff, it would be better if that public money had been more targeted to those sectors which are particularly struggling. We await the detail of the Chancellors action on the furlough scheme. But the Government cannot use a one-size-fits-all approach to winding down the Job Retention and self-employed support scheme because while some sectors are back on their feet and others are starting to get going, some are not allowed to get back to work at all.

- It is especially important that young people are guaranteed training and jobs. Under 25s are twice as likely to be furloughed or made redundant. Currently 1 in 4 under 25s are furloughed and at risk of long-term unemployment. I along with 60 MPs have written to the Prime Minister urging him to introduce income and training guarantees to support the one million young people who face unemployment.

- Many businesses are in difficulties because people don’t have the confidence to buy yet because of the Government’s mishandling of this deadly pandemic. The Government needs to get Test, Track and Isolate fully operational and restore confidence in the health response to COVID. The confusion over distancing guidance, tracing system and the muddles policy on facemasks has damaged public confidence and this in turn undermines consumer confidence. There is also a woeful lack of clarity on the basic issue of where you should work with some ministers saying that people should work from home if they can while the Prime Minister urges everyone to go back to their workplace. And while lockdown is being eased with pubs, hairdressers and cafes and restaurants reopened from 4th July there remains concern about another upsurge in COVID cases.

- There was a gaping hole in the Chancellor’s funding announcement this week with no mention of help for the early years sector or childcare. Childcare and nurseries are essential for enabling parents to get back to work and normality and to ensuring that inequality between children does not widen yet further. I am pressing the Chancellor to create a special Nurseries Fund to ensure nurseries can re-open safely and to ensure our vital nursery provision and workforce can survive the crisis. I know from local nursery managers that the sector is on the brink of collapse and in urgent need of more financial support. And the UK’s economic recovery won’t happen if parents can’t get back to work because of the loss of thousands of childcare places.
Scandalous failure to protect our care workers and care homes

The Government has let down our care workers and our care system. They were too slow to issue clear guidance for care homes, too slow to provide protective equipment and too slow on testing. It was clearly a mistake to discharge 25,000 people into care homes without tests. At least 19,000 care home residents have died from Covid-19. The Prime Minister should have apologised and used this as the moment when the care sector can never again be allowed to be a Cinderella service. Instead, he sought to put the blame for his own failures on care workers for "not following procedures in the way they could have". Labour is calling for the Prime Minister to apologise and to recognise the huge sacrifice that care workers and NHS staff have made.

THANK YOU TO STAFF ON NHS 72ND BIRTHDAY

Thank you to everyone who shared their stories on Labour’s virtual rally to mark 72 years of our NHS, including Krystal Coley from Peckham, whose mother Veronica Joy Curnell tragically passed away from COVID-19 in April 2020. Veronica was a nurse at Guy’s and St Thomas’ and dedicated 30 years of her life to the NHS. Labour Leader, Keir Starmer; Deputy Leader, Angela Rayner; Shadow Health Secretary Jonathan Ashworth; Shadow Minister for Mental Health, Rosena Allin-Khan and special NHS guests joined the call to stand in solidarity with NHS workers, to hear about their experiences and discuss the future. The coronavirus crisis has shown us how the NHS is there for us when we need it. Through this crisis, it is the care workers, doctors, nurses, NHS staff and key workers who are putting themselves on the line to protect us all.

This is my fifth report during the COVID crisis in which I:

- share with you how I’m seeking to go about my work as MP during this coronavirus crisis,
- hear from you if you agree with how I’m approaching things and
- what further issues you think I should be addressing.

I, and my office team, continue to help constituents and to raise issues with the government or with agencies if they do not appear to have them on their agenda. Where they are aware of problems but appear to be taking too long to solve them I am pressuring government to act more speedily.

I continue to support the public health guidance issued by Public Health England.
Constituency problems – update

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring many new problems to people in Camberwell and Peckham and make many pre-existing problems worse. So there continues to be an increase in the number of constituents seeking my help. Those who already had financial problems are finding that the COVID-19 crisis only makes them worse. My casework team continue to deal with pre-existing problems as well as the new COVID-19 problems. I have taken action on behalf of 2,064 constituents from 1st March – 30th June.

So far since the start of 2020, I have recouped £62,196 for constituents who have requested my assistance. This includes underpaid benefit payments, Coronavirus business grants for local business owners, waived HMRC penalties and compensation for errors and delays from housing associations and the Home Office.

Case summaries:

• An NHS keyworker living in Peckham contacted me to ask for help to be rehoused because she was living in a one-bed home with 3 children. A council officer had visited her in November 2019 to inspect their home and was due to alter her housing application to a 3-bedroom need but by June this had still not happened. I wrote to Southwark Council who are now fast-tracking her housing application.

• A nurse in Camberwell contacted me for help getting a safe storage place for her and other residents’ bicycles. She was told by Southwark Council to apply for a scheme that will run in 2021/22 but this was not soon enough. I have written to the Council urging them to install a bike hangar for the residents.

• A concerned father-to-be contacted me as he had been told that he would not be able to be at his wife’s side during the birth of their second child at King’s College Hospital due to Coronavirus. I wrote to King’s to clarify their position on this matter and received a response the next day that fathers are welcome at their children’s birth and have been throughout the pandemic.

• An Old Kent Road resident from the Philippines wrote to me because they had made an application for British Naturalisation in 2019 but had not yet received a decision. They told me that the situation was now urgent as their mother in the Philippines had been diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon Cancer and they wanted to visit her. I have asked UK Visas and Immigration to expedite their decision.

• A daughter of a man living in Peckham Rye who has stage 4 kidney failure contacted me for help challenging a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) he had received whilst parking in a space on the street near a hospital. His daughter had attempted to submit medical information online on his behalf to Lambeth Council to appeal the PCN but had been unable to. She wrote to Lambeth Council to ask if it could be submitted an alternative way but had not received a response. I am following this up with Lambeth Council.
The owner of a nursery in Peckham Rye contacted me as they had submitted an application for a cash grant to support them through the Covid-19 pandemic. However a number of weeks later they still had not received a response. I wrote to Southwark Council on their behalf and the grant, worth £10,000, was paid shortly afterwards.

**Action on anti-social behaviour**

Several constituents have contacted me regarding anti-social behaviour in a number of parks and open spaces in Camberwell and Peckham. The reports have noted that incidents of anti-social behaviour have taken place in Brunswick Park, Camberwell Green, Brimmington Park and Peckham Rye Common. The anti-social behaviour is often in the form of large groups gathering late at night and in the early morning playing loud music on sound systems. I am in discussion with the constituents who have contacted me regarding these matters, and I am liaising with both Southwark Council and the local police to ensure that swift action is taken to find lasting solutions in each case.

I have received **5,621** emails from constituents on policy issues from 1st March to 30th June, the majority relating to COVID-19. Issues raised since my fourth COVID-19 report on 10th June:

- Call on the Government to introduce de-colonised school curriculums so children learn about the invaluable contribution of Black, Asian, and minority ethnic people in British history.
- Demand Government halt weapons exports to the US pending investigation of whether UK manufactured equipment has been used against peaceful #BlackLivesMatter protesters.
- Push government to set out clear actions to tackle the disproportionately high Covid-19 mortality rate among people from BAME backgrounds.
- Call for an independent investigation into the tragic death of 12 year old refugee Shukri Abdi.
- Concerns over the number of homes in England two years on from the Grenfell tower disaster still housed in flammable cladding.
- Ask the Chancellor to deliver a coronavirus recovery plan with environmental concerns at its centre.
- Demand Government introduce a Food Standards Commission to ensure food is produced to the same high standards of safety, animal welfare and environmental protection in light of any UK/US trade agreement.
- Denounce the Israeli Government's plans to annex occupied land in the West Bank.
- Demand the Government extend the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme to include tip and service charge payment arrangements for hospitality workers.
- Ask the UK Government to take a leading role in addressing the Yemen humanitarian crisis.
Black Lives Matter

The murder of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis caused a wave of anger and revulsion across the world and is strongly felt in Camberwell and Peckham. This anger is not only about the appalling police brutality in the US, but also about the inequality, prejudice and discrimination faced by Black communities in the UK today. This has provided a catalyst for many campaigns to bring institutional racism to light and to offer practical solutions. I stand in solidarity with those in the US and in the UK working for change.

In the UK, black people are still 9 times more likely to be stopped and searched than white people. This is unlikely to change until we have equal members of non-white officers at all levels of the Met. I am pressing the Home Secretary on this. I support the use of positive action as permitted in the Equality act to establish this change now.

One primary school teacher in Peckham told me by the time children finish year 6, Black pupils already display distrust in the police. She believes this is because they are likely to have witnessed “a heavy handed ‘stop and search’ operation”. I am asking Southwark Police to undertake polling of young black people in Southwark to understand how they view the police.

My letter to Southwark and Lambeth Borough Commander Wingrove:

Dear Commander Wingrove,

I have been very specific in requesting from Southwark Police the percentage of black (not BAME) officers at each level of the Southwark/Lambeth police command. That information has not been provided to me. It surely cannot be the case that you do not know the ethnic makeup of the officers at each level in your command.

It is important to be able to monitor progress in increasing the levels of black officers at all levels. We can’t do that if we don’t have the figures. I have been asking this for many years and find it unacceptable and inexplicable that you are not able to provide it to me. I’d be grateful if you would do so now.

Also I was quite specific in my request for quantitative polling which will show the attitude of Southwark young black men to the police. Again, we need to have this data in order to have a recognition of the scale of the problem and to benchmark progress. There is nothing complicated about this polling. The people polled need to be black boys/men between the ages of 15/25. (Subject to whatever is the minimum age for polling). And the question should be what is your attitude to the police...very positive/positive/neutral/negative/very negative. That polling should be shared publicly and then we will be able to see if the
measures you are taking to improve relations are working in the way you and we all want them to.

Can you please confirm you will be undertaking this polling and the timescale. Polling does not take long so there need not be any delay.

Best wishes,
Harriet

Since my last COVID report our Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into Black people, human rights and racism has got underway:

A succession of reports in recent years have looked into, and found, structural racial inequalities in our institutions, from the Home Office treatment of the Windrush Generation to David Lammy’s 2017 report on the disproportionately high numbers of black people in the Youth Justice System. The Joint Committee on Human Rights has taken evidence from the authors of those reports on the racism which affects black people’s human rights, including the right to life, right to a fair trial, right to not be detained without justification and right to family life. And the JCHR will be insisting that the Government make the change that is necessary. Specifically, the Committee is looking at:

- The over-representation of black people in prison and deaths in police custody;
- The Windrush scandal;
- The under registration of black people on the Electoral Registration;
- The greater likelihood of black mothers to die in childbirth.

In our first evidence session we heard powerful evidence from David Lammy MP, Baroness Doreen Lawrence OBE, Lord Simon Woolley, Director of Operation Black Vote and HMI Wendy Williams, author of the Windrush report.

Watch the evidence session here Watch the BBC News at 10 clip here

Our report will be published in the autumn after we have taken further evidence and undertaken a unique polling exercise to hear the views of black people about whether their human rights are equally protected.

I’m backing Southwark Stands Together, local initiative to advance race equality, led by Peckham Councillor Johnson Situ:

I invited local Labour members to a special discussion that I hosted on zoom with councillors Johnson Situ and Evelyn Akoto following the murder of George Floyd. I wanted to hear from our Black members on their experience and the action we need to take.
The Black Lives Matter movement has highlighted the many structures in society that discriminate on grounds of race. Fighting inequality and injustice is at the heart of everything we do as a party and I welcome Keir Starmer’s announcement on a new race equality strategy.

**Calling for halt to arms exports to US:**
The UK’s current arms control regime lays down that licences for the export of arms and equipment should not be granted if they might be used for external repression. I am demanding the UK Government suspend exports of riot control equipment to the US pending an investigation into whether they are being used in response to #BlackLivesMatter protests and signed Dawn Butler’s letter to the PM.

**Backing the Black Curriculum campaign:**
I support the calls made by The Black Curriculum to integrate black history into our curriculum. I have written jointly with a group of cross-party MPs to Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, calling for a review of the history curriculum led by historians and advocates of black and minority ethnic backgrounds, to create a diverse syllabus which covers black history, slavery and colonialism. And we are demanding the government to give teaching staff the necessary support, resources and training to translate this from the new syllabus to the classroom.

**’Rough sex defence’ is banned as government adds new clause to the Domestic Abuse Bill – men can no longer blame women for their deaths**
The Government have changed the law to prevent men claiming in court that the fatal injuries they inflicted on a woman were at her request during “rough sex”. This was the culmination of a campaign that started when I saw a tweet from the Kidderminster Express & Star of their report of the trial of John
Broadhurst for killing Natalie Connolly. It was all about his lurid evidence of what he claimed was her sexual proclivities. She was covered in bruises, had over 40 injuries and bled to death from an object he inserted into her. But it was, he said, at her request. She of course was unable to say anything because he had killed her. I imagined the torture for her bereaved relatives sitting in court listening to him blaming her for her death at his hands. He got just 3 years for manslaughter.

The Government had already promised to bring forward a Domestic Abuse Bill so Natalie Connolly’s local MP Mark Garnier and I decided to try and use that bill to get the law changed to ban the rough sex defence.

A group of young women seeing this on social media started an online campaign under the title “We Can’t Consent To This” and began research which discovered this was not just one case, there was a widespread problem. Mark Garnier and I tabled amendments which were backed by 80 MPs from 7 parties. And the government listened to our cross-party campaign. The new Bill will be law soon and it will send a powerful message to men that they have to take responsibility for their actions and cannot blame their victim. It will tell women that the law is there to protect them.

Alan Andrews, Natalie Connolly’s dad said:

"There is no way that a man should be able to bat away brutal sex violence as just an accident and pave the way to get away with it. To cope with her private life being explored in intricate detail on top of the grief of losing her has been unimaginably hard for the whole family. Natalie is no longer here to tell us what he did to her or why he left her where he did. One thing is for certain; Natalie didn’t fantasise about being killed or leaving her daughter without a mum that night.”

Read my Telegraph piece on why this is so important [here](https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/01/we-cant-consent-to-sexually-violent-men-ban-rough/

I am now urging the Director of Public Prosecutions to review all the sexual violence and rape cases that were dropped because of the rough sex defence. I am also asking him to issue new guidance to prosecutors on the law, to monitor how the law is operating and collect data on whether this defence is used and report within 12 months of the law being brought in.

Read the BBC piece [here](https://www.bbc.com/programmes/m00065x7)

Listen to my Radio 4 Week in Westminster interview, from 6 minutes 30 seconds [here](https://www.bbc.com/programmes/m00065x7)
New £1.57 Billion COVID fund for the arts welcome but government must do more to support freelancers:

Camberwell and Peckham’s vibrant arts scene is very important to our local economy, our communities and the identity of this area. From Camberwell College of Arts, to Theatre Peckham and Mountview, and live music venues like the Bussey Building, our arts hub has launched many successful careers is a real asset to us. And thousands of creative people who work in the arts live here, from designers to those working in film and tv, musicians and artists.

Yet here and across the UK many arts venues are facing bankruptcy. And many who work in the creative industries have lost all their work. I wrote to the chancellor back in April highlighting this as a problem and urging him to set up an emergency fund. It’s so important that after months of pressure the Government this week finally announced a £1.57bn support package to help protect the future of theatres, galleries, museums, music and cultural venues.

But really important questions remain. How will the government support the 1000s of talented freelancers who are the core of this industry? Most of the people who have contacted me for help are freelance actors, musicians, TV producers or gallery staff. Many tell me they have fallen between the government’s two COVID income support schemes and feel they have been abandoned. I’ll continue to liaise with local venues and artists and press the government to ensure that they get the money out quickly and continue to support the sector until such time as it’s all fully open – whenever that will be!

Read my Southwark News article here.

Free school meals victory for Marcus Rashford and campaigners:

After a brilliant campaign from Marcus Rashford backed by Labour the Government were forced into a U-turn on free school meals on 16th June. This is a welcome victory on behalf of the 10,500 children in Southwark who were at risk of
going hungry this summer. Free school meals are a lifeline for many families, ensuring that all children can have a nutritious meal. And they are a well-targeted use of public finances, as support goes directly to those who need it and to children in low-income families. I wrote to Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson on 5th June urging him to keep the free school meals scheme going over summer holidays to prevent children going hungry. See my letter See my letter here.

**Demanding funding Southwark Council needs**

Together with Southwark MPs Helen Hayes and Neil Coyle, I’ve been pressing the government to make available more funding for Southwark Council to deal with the costs of COVID. The Government announcement of £500million extra funding for all councils is nowhere enough. This is a drop in the ocean compared with the financial challenge facing councils from COVID-19. We are urging the Government to invest to protect vital public services and make it possible for councils to help create and protect jobs.

![Image of London Councils press release](Image)

**Calling on government to reopen beauty salons**

With 90 MPs I have written to the Prime Minister calling for the beauty industry to be able to open in a Covid secure way. There are 370,000 workers in the industry, most of whom are women.

**Opposing government ending free travel for Under 18s in London**

The Government are planning to end free travel for children on London buses and tubes. This will create hardship for low-income families, many of whom are already hard pressed because of the Coronavirus crisis. I am working with MPs across the House to urge the government to change course and have written to the Secretary of State for Transport.
Government must support diaspora communities to send money back to families during COVID-19

The diaspora communities in Camberwell and Peckham provide huge support for families and communities in Africa. They are the hidden heroes of international development. UK remittances are a lifeline in developing countries and key to tackling poverty. The Government must make sending money back easier and more transparent in the COVID19 crisis. My letter with Andrew Mitchell MP to Chancellor Rishi Sunak.

Campaigning to end indefinite immigration detention

The Immigration Bill returned to the Commons and I was part of a cross-party effort with MPs from 7 other parties trying to get the Government to agree to a time limit in law to stop people being locked up indefinitely in immigration detention centres and to change the system so that detention can no longer be ordered from behind closed doors by Home Office officials, but would have to be an independent decision. I was disappointed the Government voted down our amendments which had wide cross-party support. We will keep up the pressure. I also sponsored Yvette Cooper’s amendment to create safe routes for unaccompanied child refugees from humanitarian crises or war zones. We were disappointed the Government voted against us.
Challenging the ban on visits to mothers in prison breach of children’s right to family life

When lockdown was implemented, all prison visits were banned and so from the end of March children with a mother in prison have not seen her. 88% of women in prison are convicted of non-violent crimes. Most could be serving their sentence in the community. The Joint Committee on Human Rights, which I chair, established an inquiry on this and we heard evidence from young children where the mother is in prison. A grandmother and carer of a baby whose mother is in prison, told us about the impact of this on her grandson. Listen to her evidence here. We also heard from two siblings, aged 10 and 6, whose mother was in prison. Listen to them here.

The Joint Committee on Human Rights published our report arguing that the "Right to Family Life" of these children which is a basic human right, is being breached. We are calling for the release of all non-violent women prisoners where they are the main carers for their young children and for an end to the blanket visit ban.

Listen to my Woman’s Hour interview here

Read the report here.

Read the Guardian article here.

Giving evidence to the Canadian Parliament on how to effectively scrutinise government during the COVID-19 pandemic

On 12th June I gave evidence remotely to the Canadian Parliament’s Procedure Committee as part of their inquiry into how to undertake parliamentary duties remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch here.
Update on constituents stranded overseas

So far 42 constituents of the 57 that contacted me stranded abroad due to COVID-19 have been repatriated. I am pressing the FCO every day to get the remaining constituents home.

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Working differently!

I and my staff team are continuing to work remotely until the guidance changes. I remain enormously grateful to Clare Gosbee, Rachel Smethers, Chloe Wright, Papa Okyere-Asiedu and Rachel Wilbur, who are diligently continuing to help my constituents, supporting my work as an MP and as chair of the Human Rights Committee. I am also grateful to Bea Forrester who has temporarily rejoined the team to work remotely as a caseworker. They have overcome technology issues and made their homes into their offices to continue their work.

Coronavirus Help and Support

Southwark Council:

- General information on Coronavirus
- Covid-19: What can you do to help
- Financial support for residents
- Food access
- Coronavirus housing advice
- Covid-19: Support and information for businesses and employers
- Southwark COVID-19 community grants
- Voluntary sector help and advice on Coronavirus
- Impact on council services
- Advice on potential coronavirus related scams

Bereavement support:

- The government has published a [bereavement support leaflet](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-death-bereavement-support-leaflet) to help those who have lost a loved one. The leaflet shares information to help bereaved families, friends, or next of kin make important decisions during this national emergency, sets out what to expect next, and signposts the extra help and support that is available.

Citizens Advice – Benefit advice:

Government business advice:


- Government's Business Support Helpline on 0300 456 3565, Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm.

HMRC:


- 08000 241222, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Domestic violence help and support:

- Solace Advice Line - 0808 802 5565
  - Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm. Additional 6pm - 8pm on Tuesdays.
  - Email: advice@solacewomensaid.org

Let me know your views on Coronavirus issues:

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