

# Stephen Kinnock MP

## September 2018 Newsletter



A Strong Voice For Aberavon

# News from the Commons



## **WILL BREXIT SECRETARY GIVE A GUARANTEE TO PRODUCE AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON BREXIT DEAL?**

I asked the Brexit Secretary to guarantee that he'll produce an impact assessment on the government's Brexit deal well in advance of the crucial vote in the autumn, so that MPs can make an informed decision. Let's see if he manages it. <https://bit.ly/2ooCn6Z>



## **DOMINIC RAAB APPEARS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Dominic Raab appeared before the Committee For Exiting The European Union. I asked him about Vote Leave donations and called him out on the many worrying comments he has made over the years about our rights and protections. <https://bit.ly/2PfUlhQ>



## **COMMITTEE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION HEARS EVIDENCE ABOUT THE SERVICES SECTOR**

The Committee for Exiting the European Union heard evidence from the Association of British Insurers, the City of London Corporation, and the Commercial Broadcasters Association on the implications of the UK's departure from the EU for the British services sector. I asked them about what an EEA based Brexit would mean for the services sector. <https://bit.ly/2C2QNDu>



## **COMMITTEE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION HEARS FROM MICHEL BARNIER**

The Committee for Exiting the European Union visited Brussels after the summer recess and heard from Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator, European Commission. I asked him about the Chequers proposal and whether the big divide on opinion between London and Brussels will mean an agreement that lacks clarity. <https://bit.ly/2MhKZWt>



## **AFFORDABLE BROADBAND IN ABERAVON**

At questions to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, I called on the Government to tackle the cost of superfast broadband,. The infrastructure is in place for many but the cost of superfast broadband is prohibitive.

You can watch the exchange at <https://bit.ly/2QkkT8G>

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## **EU SCRUTINY COMMITTEE—DOMINIC RAAB**

The Secretary of State for the Department for Exiting the European Union, Dominic Raab, appeared before the European Scrutiny Committee. I asked him about the Chequers deal and what is the Government's plan B.

You can watch the exchange at <https://bit.ly/2MYs87Y>



## **CHEQUERS PROPOSAL IS COMPLETELY AND UTTERLY DEAD IN THE WATER, WHAT IS PLAN B?**

Barnier has ruled out May's Chequers plan and Rabb should be ruling out a Canada-style deal which would have no solution to Irish border, & nothing on services – our biggest asset, but he failed to do so here. The only way forward is a unifying EEA-based Brexit.

Watch my question the to Brexit Minister:

<https://bit.ly/2O5xpXW>



## **COMMITTEE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION HEARS FROM PERMANENT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT FOR EXITING THE EU**

In a meeting of the Committee for Exiting the European Union, I asked the Head of UK Governance Group and Permanent Secretary, Department for Exiting the European Union, about the Salzburg Summit, how prepared DExEU is for the range of different scenarios that could come out of the Brexit vote, and whether DExEU has prepared a sector by sector analysis.

<https://bit.ly/2MhQMLH>



## **GOVERNMENT HIDING BEHIND THE EU WON'T WASH**

It has been four months since the Magnitsky amendment was passed in the House, yet the Government have done absolutely nothing to implement the legislation. The Government are hiding behind the EU but Lithuania is an EU member-state and is pushing through unilateral sanctions targeting Russia individuals (which go beyond a travel ban) on basis of Magnitsky legislation.

<https://bit.ly/2NJYNxR>



## **NO REASON WHY UK CANNOT TAKE UNILATERAL NATIONAL ACTION ON THE BASIS OF MAGNITSKY AMENDMENT**

The fact that Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have all taken unilateral action, implementing their Magnitsky legislation, clearly demonstrates that there is no reason why the United Kingdom cannot do the same.

Government needs to explain why they have not taken unilateral national action. <https://bit.ly/2QEfVU2>

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## **LET'S SEND MR PUTIN A CLEAR MESSAGE: BRITISH PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE BRAZEN & RECKLESS ACTIONS OF YOUR REGIME**

Speaking in the debate on the Salisbury Incident, I spoke about my time in Russia, the UK's relationship with Russia and the need to send Mr Putin a clear message: the British people will no longer tolerate the brazen and reckless actions of your regime, and we will no longer tolerate the way in which you and your cronies use London as a laundromat for your ill-gotten gains.

<https://bit.ly/2Ov6Dsh>

# News from Aberavon



## **AUSTERITY HAS LEFT COUNCILS AT BREAKING POINT, WESTMINSTER MUST GIVE THEM THE MONEY THEY DESPERATELY NEED**

Together with Cllr Carol Clement-Williams and Chair of Unison NPT Mark Fisher, we wrote an article for the South Wales Evening Post calling on the Westminster Government to give local government the funding it desperately needs. <https://bit.ly/2NnQ8Sg>



## **DAY WITH THE POLICE**

I spent a great day with the police in Port Talbot, joining the neighbourhood policing team as they went out on patrol, and meeting the response team as they attended calls. The police force do a brilliant job for our community. It was great to see the speed of their response, their compassion, their engagement and their professionalism. <https://bit.ly/2wwDMvI>



## **BRITON FERRY PUBLIC MEETING**

Over 200 residents came to a public meeting to express their concerns about anti-social behaviour in Briton Ferry to Councillors, Council officers and the police. Agencies and community working in partnership. <https://bit.ly/2oogLHX>



## **CYMMER HEALTH CENTRE PUBLIC MEETING**

It was great to attend a public meeting organised by David Rees AM in Croeserw Enterprise Centre to discuss provision of GP services at Cymmer Health Centre. The room was packed to rafters, and senior Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB managers listened carefully to concerns that were raised. <https://bit.ly/2N3yEJS>

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## PORT TALBOT FIRE STATION

It was great to meet the team at Port Talbot Fire and Rescue Station. These guys provide a vital service to our community. Their courage, dedication and professionalism are second to none.

<https://bit.ly/2omTK87>



## ABERAVON WASPI MEETING

It was great to meet with the Aberavon WASPI group and Chair of the APPG on State Pension Inequality for Women, Carolyn Harris MP. We had a good discussion on where the campaign is and what the next steps are.

<https://bit.ly/2PlakAN>

# Political Digest



## VICTORIA DERBYSHIRE SHOW: ANTI-SEMITISM

I appeared on the Victoria Derbyshire Show to discuss anti-Semitism and Labour's National Executive Committee adopting the IHRA's definition of anti-Semitism in full.

You can watch the show at <https://bit.ly/2x32YuV>



## GOOD MORNING BRITAIN: BREXIT

I was up against Iain Duncan Smith on Good Morning Britain discussing the absolute mess the Government has got itself into with the Brexit negotiations.

You can watch the interview at <https://bit.ly/2CL07fH>



## SKY NEWS

I was interviewed by Sky News' Adam Bolton and talked about Labour having some really good policies on the economy coming forward like employee ownership, and dealing with people working in the gig economy. The country is ready for radical Keynesian economics. You can watch the interview at <https://bit.ly/2CSa1fA>

# Political Digest



## HOW TO OUST THE TORIES AND REUNITE OUR DEEPLY DIVIDED COUNTRY

Prior to the launch of *Spirit of Britain, Purpose of Labour* I wrote an article for LabourList, previewing the themes of the book. Our country is more divided that it has been at any time since the Second World War, but only a whole nation Labour Party can reunite our deeply divided country and truly govern for the many. You can read the article at <https://bit.ly/2wWVvwI>



## LABOUR MUST RECONNECT WITH ITS ROOTS TO HEAL UK'S REIFTS

In the run-up to the launch of *Spirit of Britain, Purpose of Labour*, I spoke to the Guardian about the book. If Labour is to reunite our deeply divided country then we need a new approach and must reconnect with our communitarian roots.

You can read the article at <https://bit.ly/2CMNzo6>



## BBC RADIO 4 TODAY: ANTI-SEMITISM

I spoke with Mike Segalov on BBC Radion 4's Today programme about the anti-Semitism row and Labour's National Executive Committee adopting the IHRA's definition of anti-Semitism in full.

You can listen to the discussion on <https://bit.ly/2x1Sw67>



## TALKRADIO: ANTI-SEMITISM

I spoke with James Whale on TalkRADIO about Labour's National Executive Committee adopting the IHRA definition of anti- Semitism. You can listen to the interview on <https://bit.ly/2O9k6G8>

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## SPIRIT OF BRITAIN, PURPOSE OF LABOUR

*Spirit of Britain, Purpose of Labour* is the new book that I've launched. The book recognises that Britain is more deeply divided than at anytime since the second world war - by age, education, place, wealth and values. It also includes examples of how we can build on the successes of our party's 2017 manifesto and election campaign, while also recognising that it would be a fatal error to rest on our laurels and assume that the next GE will be a re-run of 2017. <https://bit.ly/2CQ9I4X>

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## LBC CROSS QUESTION

I appeared on LBC's new show Cross Question. The panel discussion was around policing, Anjem Choudry, the attack on Jacob Rees Mogg's children, Brexit and the Tory leadership, and Labour's economic plan.

You can listen to what I said about Labour's economic plan at <https://bit.ly/2ODRe8T>

## BREXIT KEYNOTE SPEAKER

I visited Plymouth to speak at the second annual Plymouth Brexit Summit. The event is hosted by my colleague Luke Pollard MP.

I spoke about how we've had two years of uncertainty for business, two years of squabbling in Westminster and two years of paralysis in Whitehall.

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## Latest Surveys

### Brexit

In the Autumn Parliament will vote on the Brexit deal, before that takes place I'd like to hear your views on some of the issues that will shape the future of our country.



[stephenkinnock.co.uk/brexitsurvey](http://stephenkinnock.co.uk/brexitsurvey)

### PIP

Aberavon had a historically high number of people in receipt of DLA due to its industrial heritage. I have received growing numbers of complaints about the new PIP scheme.



[stephenkinnock.co.uk/pipsurvey](http://stephenkinnock.co.uk/pipsurvey)

# Stephen's Next Surgery

**Stephen Kinnock**  
**Member of Parliament**  
**for Aberavon**

## ***Advice Surgery***

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

5.00-6.00pm

**Cresci's**

81 New Road, Skewen  
SA10 6HE

## ***Advice Surgery***

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

4.30-5.30pm

**Sandfields Library**

Morrison Rd, Port Talbot  
SA12 6TG

## Contact Stephen

My office is open Monday - Thursday between 10am and 1pm for a drop-in advice surgery with a caseworker.

Outside of these times you can call to make an appointment.

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