

## **Working for You.**

Recently, an MP - who shall remain nameless - wrote up an account of a few days in his constituency. This was for his constituents to read in their local newspaper. John Problem is proud to print this piece for a wider audience.

The words in quotes are what he wrote. The words in brackets explain to our readers what the honourable gentleman's statements really tell us.

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"The news is pretty depressing with the conflict in Gaza and more economic gloom forecast." (I hope nobody wants my views because I haven't got a clue about either.)

"To find out how the downturn was affecting my constituency, I spent a day visiting some local businesses. The drycleaners were very upbeat as were the hardware shop." (I had to drop off a summer suit in preparation for a fact finding tour coming up. I needed a packet of screws.)

"The Old Pine Hotel said they had seen a strong Christmas." (I met up with a few pals for a drink and then we went off for lunch.)

"I visited the Italian restaurant near the station. They reported that customer loyalty is important." (We got free wine.)

"It's positive to hear these small businesses doing so well, but I am sure 2009 will be tough for many people." (Not for me personally of course, because I won't have to declare my expenses.)

"Of course, it's all relative. Last December I visited Kenya and saw the awful slums in Nairobi and this month I went to Chad to visit refugee camps." (Was I glad to get out of those hell-holes! Still, the other destinations were the height of luxury. Let's hope the tax-payer doesn't ever find out how much these jollies cost.)

"We were driven in tanks by the Polish army, the Spanish flew us in helicopters and, true to form, the French fed us in the military camp." (Well, nobody can complain about that, can they? The foreign johnnies paid for us to get about and eat. One in the eye for the media, eh.?)

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The words in quotes are not invented. Further reports from the front will follow in due course.

