

## **Politicians - Work Experience**

I was prompted to write to you after reading your piece called "John Problem around and about Westminster." I have been running an SME for 20 years and was stunned to hear that only 1 in 5 MPs actually has any experience of business. As a result the taxpayer is going to pay for training courses in "marketing and business".

Actually....I would be interested to know how many MPs have ANY experience outside politics (I include all the lawyer-MPs in there). I can't think of any secretary of state in the last 10 years who, prior to taking over at the Home Office, Education, Health etc has ever actually run anything (other than a union or political lobby group).

What (apart from arrogance) makes them qualified to govern us and determine laws which affect every aspect of our lives when they have so little experience of the consequences?

Keep it up,  
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