

## **Prime Minister's Questions Time – Foreign Aid:**

**Wednesday 12.30 p.m.**

The Leader of the Opposition is speaking.

LO: Mr. Speaker, my first question to the Prime Minister is why is she reducing our public health budgets by £200 million, while sending an equivalent amount to hospitals in Ethiopia? Do the citizens of this country not come first in her priorities?

PM: I will say to the Right Honourable Gentleman opposite that we can be generous to less fortunate countries than our own because we have a strong economy! Which would not be the case under a Labour government!

LO: The Caribbean island of Montserrat, Mr. Speaker, has 4,900 citizens who were given £400 million with which they built beach bars. Does the government not monitor how the British tax-payers money is spent?

PM: I would say to the Right Honourable Gentleman opposite that his facts are wrong. My colleagues in the International Development Department ensure that funds are given to worthy recipients, using the latest poverty reduction diagnostics.

LO: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Prime Minister could explain to the House why she has cut spending on our police, closing 29 police stations in Lancashire, while sending tax-payers' funds to the Congo for the construction there of 24 new police stations.

PM: I should have thought it was obvious, even to the Right Honourable Gentleman opposite, that we in Great Britain should lead the way in helping poorer countries around the world.

LO: Then perhaps the Prime Minister will explain to us how our country can afford to be so generous when the National Debt reached £1

trillion – one trillion pounds – yesterday.

PM: All we get from the Labour benches is alternative facts, Mr. Speaker.

LO: Perhaps the Prime Minister should meet with the Governor of the Bank of England more frequently. Mr. Speaker, my final question, having not received a single answer to those on international aid, concerns Brexit. It appears there is nobody in government who is capable of negotiating us out of the EU. The Prime Minister and her Three Brexiteers intend to hire consultants to do this for them. Such consultants charge £5,000 a day. If the negotiations last two years, as we are informed they will, then the bill to the British tax-payer for these consultants will be nearly £5 billion. However, perhaps it is necessary, Mr. Speaker, since the Three Brexiteers' knowledge of Europe is only what they have picked up on holiday there. And the Prime Minister has, for the last six years, been locked away in the Home Ministry so she cannot be expected to know much about Europe.

The Speaker: Your question please!

LO: My question Mr. Speaker is, does she truly believe she and her team can negotiate a Brexit which will benefit the country? Can she be clear on this? And that she and her colleagues will not be out-manoeuvred by Brussels?

PM: My government and I are absolutely clear that we shall negotiate a preferred and sustainable solution with new horizons for ordinary working families and for our great country, and that Britain will confirm its place as one of the great trading nations of the world!

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*Whenever the Leader of the Opposition spoke. there were groans, braying noises and much shouting from the Tory benches.....*