

## *Parliamentary Report – July 2006*

Dear Comrades

Please accept my apologies as I have guests from USA and I had arranged to take them away before I knew of the AGM Date.

### In Parliament

- Attended National Policy Forum.
- Attended press launch of report into Organised Crime in Northern Ireland.
- Spoke in debates, raised written and oral questions.
- Raised money for CLP by doing polling interviews.
- Hosted meeting with Iraqi Trade Unions.
- Attended CRY event (Cardiac Arrest in Young).
- Met “Street League” regarding Football visit to Cuba.
- Met Deputy Leader of the House regarding Iraq.
- Attended PLP meetings.
- Joined Whips informal group regarding organising in the House.
- Co-hosted lunch with Mayor of Gateshead in Parliament.
- Involved in Energy Review.
- Met MD of GNER.
- Met Tony Blair with group of children from St Josephs Primary in Birtley.
- Briefing meeting regarding Northern Ireland Developments.
- Attended AGM of Coalfield Communities.
- Met representatives from 3<sup>rd</sup> World Solidarity and agreed to Chair Parliamentary Group.
- Attended Labour Party Policy Commission.
- Sat on Statutory Instrument Committee.
- Spoke in Compensation Bill.
- Seconded amendment to revise Mesothelioma decision.
- Attended meeting regarding Party funding.
- Hosted TUC launch of book on Iraqi Trade Union history.
- Attended Northern Ireland Committee.

## Constituency

- Held surgeries in Birtley and Blaydon.
- Released three Red Kites at Derwent Valley with Dave Miliband.
- Attended democracy session at Ryton Comprehensive, took Iraqi Trade Union delegate and US intern.
- Visited Miners Hall.
- Addressed TUC International Forum.
- Attended Miners Reception for Iraqis.
- Marched in Chopwell on Gala Day.
- Met Leader and Chief Executive of Council.
- Opened School Library at Emmaville school Crawcrook.

## Office

Staff have, as always, been working with me on hundreds of enquires, complaints and cases. The office is up and running and we would be please to welcome members.

I am looking for any events during the summer. At present I am away until 7 August 2006 and probably a week or so in September.

Please advise my office of any engagements I could attend. Also we intend to do some door to door work and any support would be welcomed.