



Lee Scott MP

Westminster Report

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Lee Scott's Expenses 2006/07

Additional Costs Allowance*	£0
London Supplement	£2,712
Incidental Expenses Provision	£14,469
Staffing Allowance	£94,855
Members' Travel	£4,016
Members' Staff Travel	£71
Centrally Purchased Stationery	£610
Stationery: Associated Postage Costs	£2,255
Centrally Provided Computer Equipment	£901
Other Costs	£0
Total	£119,889

* Second home.
Lee's ranking 554th out of 645

Lee believes that all MPs should be open and honest about their expenses. He does not use the Parliamentary allowances to rent or buy a property. He lives in the family home, which is in Hainault ward in the constituency, and commutes to Westminster. He does not go on foreign trips at tax payers' expense nor make claims for overnight stays or meals.

The largest expense is to fund support staff. He was quite open before the election saying that if elected he would want his wife Estelle to continue as his secretary. She has a contract and job description and paid a net salary of little over £1000 per month. She gets no bonus and no expenses.

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Lee in Support of the Holocaust Educational Trust

Threatened Local Post Offices to Close

Post Office Ltd has announced that in Ilford North the Spurway Parade Woodford Avenue, the Fencepiece Road and the New North Road Post Office branches **are going to be closed**.

Post Office Ltd published its network change programme for London. This identified for closure 169 of London's 850 branches - a fifth of the network. The public consultation on this has proved to be a sham. Only a handful of branches have been saved.

Customers of each branch launched protest petitions opposing the plans and Lee Scott was able to present these to Parliament. Local Councillors have also been active in opposing the proposed closures. Lee has written to Post Office Ltd and met with them to express his very great concern at these closures of well used and well liked branches. He has lodged a Parliamentary motion condemning the plan and requesting its alteration. All our protests and all of our concerns have been ignored.

These closures are a serious blow for the elderly and vulnerable, they will be faced with lengthy journeys to obtain the services they need. It will also mean longer queues for all of us at the branches that remain.

The local post office is at the heart of the local community. That is why the loss of over 4500 branches since 1997 and plans for a further 2500 closures have proved so upsetting to local people. It must be remembered that the Post Office is not an independent business.

It is purely a creature of Government which decides its direction and shapes policy. It is Government decisions that have made so many of our post office branches unprofitable. They took away key areas of business such as the payment of TV licences and pensions for no good reason.

Lee will continue to do all that he can to save these branches. Even now a change of policy by the present Government could save them.



Ilford North MP Calls for Debate on NHS 'Consultancy' Contracts

Recently in the House of Commons local Member of Parliament Lee Scott asked Harriet Harman, the Leader of the House, to consider holding a debate regarding huge expenditure by the National Health Service to employ former chief executives of NHS trusts as 'consultants and advisors'. He pointed out that two ex-chief executives, including one from Barking, Havering and Redbridge, have now set up a business to advise the NHS on how to run hospitals. When they left the NHS they received large pay-offs and this 'revolving door' policy is costing millions. Our local hospital trust is facing a deficit of £39.9 million..



Ms Harman replied 'I will bring the hon. Gentleman's point to the attention of my right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Health. Everyone wants the resources that go into the health service to be used for care and support for those who need it and those who work on the front line, caring for patients.'

Ilford North MP Backs Campaign Marking Autism Sunday

Sunday 10th February 2008 saw churches and religious organisations marking Autism Sunday, the international day of prayer for autism and Asperger's syndrome. Autism Sunday was launched in 2002, which was Autism Awareness year, by parents and carers.

Campaigners are calling on the Government to work with all faith communities in order to reach out to parents, carers and people with autism and Asperger's in local communities and urges church leaders and community groups of all denominations to engage with people with autism and Asperger's

They want the Government to support Autism Awareness Campaign UK's call for a national strategy on autism and a cohesive 10 year plan on autism and Asperger's, as well as supporting Baroness Uddin's proposal for an autism taskforce.

Ilford North MP Lee Scott praised the efforts and work of local activists Ivan and Charika Corea of the Autism Awareness Campaign UK. Lee said 'Charitia and Ivan are doing a first rate job of raising awareness of the difficulties faced by parents of autistic children and I am giving my whole-hearted support to their campaign marking Autism Sunday.'