



ABERAVON REPORT

Office

The first two weeks as MP have been pretty hectic. I have yet to be assigned an office in Parliament but the constituency office on Water Street is open with the team of Clive, Rachel and Cari there Monday to Friday. Contact details for the office are below:

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Interviews

Since the election I've done a range of interviews on tv, radio and for the papers including LBC, Radio 4's Week In Westminster, Sky's Murnaghan, ITV's Sharp End and local Heart Radio. Mainly I have discussed the election result, the leadership selection, the future of the party and being a new MP. In a Guardian interview I spoke about ideas for a federal UK and Scottish Labour becoming a sister party rather than a sub-section of the Labour party.

Aberavon

I attended the rally in the Princess Royal organised by unions over the pensions of steel workers in Tata. It was a well attended event and the workers gave my full support.

Another function I attended was the inauguration of the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot, Cllr Arthur Davies, at Margam Orangery.

Parliament

Election of the speaker was interesting - although some of the rituals a bit baffling, like when the speaker was dragged to his chair by two backbenchers.

Swearing in I had a good chat with the speaker. No going back now! Very unique feeling and quite striking.

I've met with various people running for leadership or deputy leadership throughout the week - very interesting discussions had with everyone.

Queen's Speech will be on 27 May and will outline the new Government's programme. I hope to give my maiden speech in the debates that follow the Queen's speech and then get on with holding the Tory Government to account.

