



Last week I travelled to Strasbourg for one of the twelve visits we MEPs make to vote in the European Parliament. MEPs have voted to abandon this travelling circus which costs £130m per annum but it is blocked by the French.

In last week's plenary we discussed the migrant crisis - (it's on the agenda again) - it's on the agenda every month. The unelected Commission has decided that EU states will have compulsory migrant quotas imposed upon them. A German minister helpfully suggested that we impose a fuel levy to fund this issue. This is in addition to the £3bn paid to Turkey to stem the migrant flow (with no limit). Turkey also demanded (bribed) that work visas should be waived and talks accelerated for Turkey's membership of the EU. Yet still the migrants come.

MEPs agreed that external borders should be strengthened. Some EU states are well ahead of this, ie Hungary, but they face 'sanctions for inhumane actions'. You cannot win.

This month, three of the political groups asked that the sex attacks on women and school children across European cities and the media cover-ups be on the agenda. The Germans blocked the move. I spoke about it anyway.

I have visited Calais on a number of occasions and highlighted in Parliament that the majority of illegal immigrants in the camps are fit young men who are economic migrants, not refugees. Those that are genuine refugees should be returned to camps in the Middle East and north Africa to stay in their countries in safe havens and fight for their freedoms too.

We travel back to Strasbourg in early February. Again, we will discuss the crisis, much will be proposed, more British taxpayers' money will be spent but nothing done because of the inability of Parliament to recognise that the nation states and voters' views are very different to the bureaucrats' vision.

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