

## At your service



**John Barrett MP**  
House of Commons  
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Dear Resident,

As the Member of Parliament for Edinburgh West, it is my job to represent everyone in the constituency. I work all year round on your behalf, dealing with issues that are reserved to Westminster.

I do everything I can to ensure my constituents have good access to their MP. I am always available to listen to local residents and to work on their behalf, both in Edinburgh and at Westminster.

This leaflet outlines my work, my responsibilities as your MP and the matters dealt with by Westminster. I've also provided details on how you can contact me if there is an issue you believe I should take action on.

With best wishes

John Barrett MP



## Surgeries

I hold regular surgeries in my constituency office and in Muirhouse, South Queensferry and Kirkliston, helping hundreds of constituents a year with their individual problems.

Appointments – to avoid a long wait – for my weekly surgery at Drum Brae Avenue or for the monthly surgeries in Muirhouse, Kirkliston or Queensferry can be made by phoning 0131 339 0339.

## Getting in touch

If you have a problem you need help with, a question to ask or an issue which concerns you, please contact me.

I cannot promise to solve every problem raised but I will do my best to help.

### Westminster

**Write:** John Barrett MP  
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### Constituency

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MP for Edinburgh West



# How your MP can help you

## In Westminster

At Westminster my job includes scrutinising the work of the Government, both in committee and in the chamber of the House of Commons as well as representing **all** the residents of Edinburgh West.

I regularly raise issues with Ministers or Government Departments on behalf of individual constituents.

I travel to Westminster each week when Parliament is sitting, while still being available in the constituency on Fridays, Saturdays and Monday mornings.



**"Lothian's busiest backbencher"**  
*Edinburgh Evening News*

### Westminster issues

The Scottish Parliament now deals with issues such as health, education, crime, housing and transport.

### Westminster retains power over:

- The Economy and Taxation
- Benefits, Pensions and Social Security
- European and Foreign Affairs
- Defence
- Immigration and Asylum
- Energy Policy
- Air and Rail Safety
- Employment Legislation
- Constitutional Matters

## Keeping in touch

I keep in touch with individuals and groups in a number of ways, some of which are detailed below.

If you are involved in a community group or organisation I have not yet contacted please write to me with their details.

### Supporting events

I have also been delighted to support many events including Fairs, Gala Days and Fundraisers throughout the constituency. If you are involved in planning a community event please keep me in touch and I will do my best to support it.



### Regular newsletters

I keep in touch with constituents with regular newsletters throughout the year.

### Visiting groups

Throughout the year I visit many groups and organisations to hear more about what they are doing and to listen to their concerns. If you would like me to visit your group, please contact my constituency office.

### Annual report

I produce an Annual Report every year. If you would like a copy of the most recent report please contact my office.

## Come and visit

I believe that Westminster is **your** Parliament and should be as open as possible. I have been particularly pleased to welcome constituents from across West Edinburgh to Westminster and to provide tours of the House of Commons.

I have met several parties from local schools and can provide information about Parliament to school pupils and adults. If you are able to visit Westminster and would like a tour, please contact my London office.

## Website



In order to keep constituents as up to date as possible with my work and provide answers to frequently asked questions, I have set up a website.

The site contains up-to-date news, useful contact details and a section for you to register your views.

The site is at [www.johnbarrettmp.com](http://www.johnbarrettmp.com).