

Munira's local & parliamentary activity



Munira pushing for more action to tackle air pollution



Munira visiting the Richmond upon Thames College rebuild



Meeting apprentices at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington



Munira welcoming Year 4 from St Stephen's School to Parliament



Munira opening the new stand at Hampton & Richmond Football Club



Munira supporting the Big Spring Clean campaign



Munira visiting and volunteering at the Glassdoor night shelter in Teddington



Munira attending the Greenpeace oceans exhibition at the Exchange and pledging her support



Opposing the off-payroll tax and loan charge that will hurt so many local self-employed contractors



Presenting a bill to provide more support to victims of abuse for International Women's Day

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Key stats

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— MP FOR TWICKENHAM —

Munira has:

If you would like a surgery appointment or would like to raise an issue with Munira the contact details are below:

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- munira@munira.org.uk
- 020 8977 0606

Before the lockdown, Munira held weekly surgeries which were by appointment. For the time being these have switched to phone or online meetings.

Munira has a small and very dedicated team who support her work in the constituency and Parliament. The work she does is a team effort and they all have played their part in the work featured in this report back.

- Tabled 86 oral questions
- Tabled 149 written questions
- Spoken in 44 debates
- Dealt with over 10,000 emails
- Started over 800 items of casework
- Held 10 weekly surgeries before lockdown
- Tabled a bill on support for victims of abuse, led amendments to the NHS Funding Bill and the emergency coronavirus legislation
- Appeared on numerous TV and radio programmes (including Question Time)

As well as hundreds of Covid-related issues, Munira has supported residents with internet outages at Christmas, met with local climate campaigners, supported those suffering with eating disorders, championed St Mary's University, challenged ministers to cut carbon from the aviation sector and opposed plans to scrap free travel for Under 18s.

Info is updated on munira.org.uk & theyworkforyou.com

The 2019 General Election result...

Munira Wilson (Lib Dem)	36,166	(56%)
Conservative	22,045	(34%)
Labour	5,476	(9%)
Brexit Party	816	

56%

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Stay in touch by signing up to Munira's e-newsletter

The best way to stay in touch with Munira's activities is to sign up to her regular e-newsletter. You can sign up via her website www.munira.org.uk - alternatively, she tweets and uses Facebook to keep local people up to date. Please sign up or follow her social media channels. Details below.

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Twickenham, Teddington, The Hamptons, St Margaret's, Strawberry Hill & Whitton

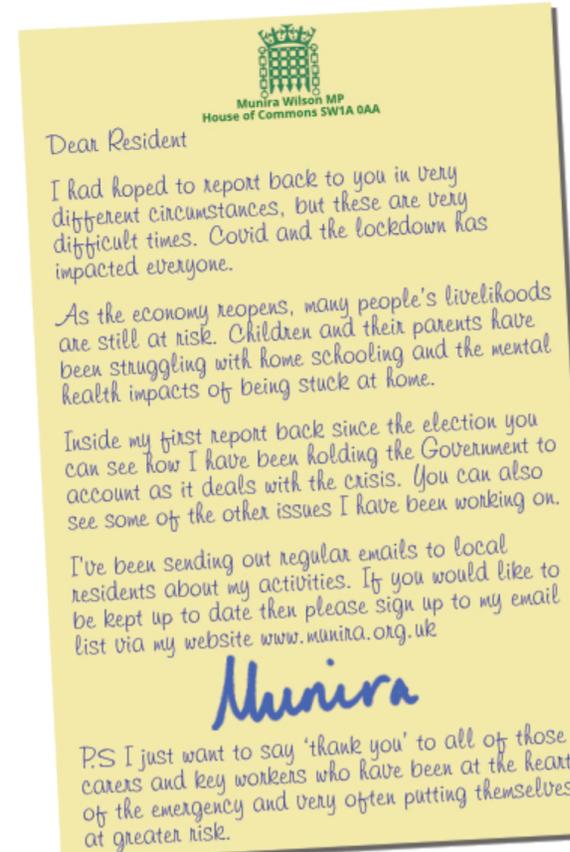
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Inside this edition: Munira reports back on her first 6 months as our new MP

Working for local people



Whitton's woman in Westminster



Local champion Munira out and about in our area

Munira's election campaigns

Munira was delighted to see a cross-party victory in the High Court. Judges declared the environmental impact of Heathrow expansion plans had not been considered, with current plans thrown out. Only weeks before, Munira challenged the Prime Minister over Conservative plans for a third runway.



Third runway defeated!



Munira was the first new MP to secure a debate in Westminster Hall, which she used to highlight the funding gap for Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND). Munira has also been championing better funding and staffing of children and young people's mental health services. Too many local children are waiting months for treatment and the situation has been made worse by Covid.

Children & young people

Munira voted against the European Union Withdrawal Agreement Bill in January. Munira called on Ministers to extend the Brexit transition period due to end on 31 December. Munira is also working to support EU residents who are already part of our community to stay here. She has challenged the International Trade Secretary to ensure any UK-US trade deal supports UK climate commitments.



Brexit



Before the Covid crisis, Munira called on the Government to strip South Western Railway of its franchise. She also secured compensation for local commuters as a result of the Christmas strike action. She continues to push for service improvements, as well as accessible and safe stations. Munira also ensured access issues were quickly resolved when Twickenham station reopened.

South Western Railway

Munira challenging Government over response to Covid

► **Residents stuck abroad:** A significant number of constituents were left stranded overseas as the lockdown came into effect across the world. Munira and her team put pressure on the Foreign Office to get them home. Munira also questioned Government as to why health checks were not in place at Heathrow early on to stop Covid cases coming into the country.

► **Rehab support:** Munira has led cross-party calls for a boost to rehabilitation services. Many of those who have been critically ill with Covid need recovery support from physios, occupational therapists and others. Those with existing rehab needs and others whose diagnoses have been delayed must not be overlooked.

► **Social care:** Munira has championed the needs of social care, challenging Government over plans to reduce standards. She was calling for adequate PPE, as well as testing for social care staff and care home residents, back in March. Unfortunately, Government left it far too late to protect these vulnerable groups.

► **Test & Trace:** Soon after lockdown Munira called for a robust system to test, trace and isolate every new case of coronavirus. Munira has challenged the Health Secretary over testing result delays at the Twickenham testing centre, the slow ramp up of testing and contact tracing, as well as the bungled app development which has cost taxpayers £11.8m.

► **Small businesses:** Too many were left out of the Treasury's package of support, including those operating out of shared spaces, dentists, physios and river-based businesses such as Colliers. Munira pressed both national and local government on this issue and was pleased when a further discretionary fund was made available.

► **Carers:** There has been a huge impact on unpaid carers who provide around the clock care, losing access to respite care and other support. There are over 9,700 unpaid carers locally and many struggle to get by on the paltry £67 per week carers' allowance. Munira met with local carers virtually and has called on ministers to boost their allowance.

► **Self Employed:** Munira led calls for Government to improve the support package for the self-employed. Too many have been left out of the current scheme, including those who are PAYE freelancers (especially in the creative industries), directors of limited companies, the newly self-employed. She has continued to press the Chancellor to close these gaps.



► **PPE:** The shortages of protective equipment for frontline care workers and other key workers have been nothing short of scandalous. Munira has repeatedly challenged Government on its pandemic preparedness plans, as well as distribution arrangements to social and community care settings.

► **British Airways:** Munira has championed the interests of more than 150 local BA employees who face redundancy or being forced onto zero hours contracts as BA exploits the coronavirus crisis. She's challenged BA and the government and provided evidence to the Transport Committee.

► **Schools:** The mental wellbeing and education of our children and young people have been damaged as a result of lockdown. Unfortunately, the reopening of schools turned into a political football with muddled communication. Munira has been talking to local headteachers and parents about their concerns and the challenges of fully reopening schools safely. She led a parliamentary motion and petition calling on the Education Secretary to urgently lay out clear plans for safe reopening.

► **Mental health:** Munira has been leading cross-party calls for increased signposting and funding to mental health support. In particular, Munira has focused on the needs of frontline health and care workers who are dealing with additional stress, trauma and bereavement.

► **Employees:** Many of those starting new jobs in March were ineligible to be furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, and employees paid annually in March were also left out. Munira has been supporting efforts for these gaps to be closed.