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*Robert Jenrick Housing Minister struggled to keep a straight face as he described estate agents as an “essential job” who must be in the first rank of return to worker. Not only estate agents themselves but show homes must be open.*

At this stage I began to wonder weather he was talking about MI5, as in state agents must be back looking after our security. But no it was indeed estate agents.

Then came this: Taylor Wimpey -The construction firm who took £674 million net income last year on the backs of workers - had done great work in getting all their construction sites around the country back to work. Well done Taylor Wimpey! He then announced any NHS staff buying a Taylor Wimpey house would get 5% off. He smirked as if this made up for 60,000 deaths. Then, as if he realised he'd gone too far, he ended with “purely speculative viewing of show homes would not be allowed.” Oh dear me no.

# PMQ'S LIES REFLECT BADLY ON STARMER



*CWDaily's parliamentary correspondent assesses the uselessness of the day's events.*

I find that Prime Minister's Questions works best if you play the theme tune from the BBC panel show *Would I Lie to You?* Just before Johnson starts to speak. In the latest round of questions between Keith (call me Kier) Starmer and BoJo the Clown, the uselessness of both came to the fore.

Keith has been trying his hardest to be nice over the last couple of weeks by asking questions that trip the prime minister up without bruising. In effect he is attempting to bring parliament back to its foundations as a court with detailed questions. The thing we have all been waiting for is to see if this alters the way the prime minister behaves. It hasn't so far and this week shows that Johnson has no intention of ever becoming a details man.

The PM is still acting like a minor celebrity on a panel show with his waffle answers. This should mean that killer Keith wins every time because facts must surely win over waffle, peppered with lies. The problem for Keith is he's just far too nice and so in the chamber he fails to go for the jugular and expose the answers as lies. He didn't even pick up on the big lie from last week.

At the previous PMQs the prime minister had assured Keith that he absolutely had to deliver a TV address on Sunday because he wanted people to act on his message on Monday morning. When Monday came his second in command, Demonic Raab, told the nation that things were actually changing on Wednesday. This came about because the prime minister waffled in his answer to a

direct and specific question. It was a gift to Starmer and yet he failed to capitalise on it.

Today's first lie was about what the government were saying about care homes just a few weeks ago. Keith read out from government guidance from 12th March that said it was "very unlikely" that people in care homes would be affected by Covid19. Of course, we all knew then that such advice would probably be wrong and it has proved catastrophic. The prime minister stood up and not only waffled about care homes but also denied that the guidance said what the knighted one had read out. This was surely killer's chance to call Johnson out. But no, he failed to take the opportunity. He has since asked for clarification on what the prime minister knows regarding his own government guidance but it felt like an opportunity well and truly missed.

For all the talk of Starmer's effectiveness, actually we're seeing the two of them cancel each other out somewhat. It should be a win for Keith every week but waffle, bluster and downright lies have their place and it seems to be the only way Johnson can speak. It has an effectiveness of its own because it can include vagaries around which patriotic sentiment can be encouraged. This week Johnson has latched onto the phrase "good old fashioned British common sense". This doesn't mean anything but I suspect in a certain type of person it suggests that we can all get through this by being sensible and stiff upper lipped.

It's like saying to Starmer "would you please stop pulling the great people of Britain down by suggesting they don't understand things?" And so Starmer's legitimate criticism of the confusion caused by the government's deranged PR machine this week is seen as unpatriotic, snide and patronising. Who needs accuracy when we can survive just by being British?

So who won? Starmer showed the PM up for being a lying toad and Johnson showed that such matters couldn't really hurt him. If anything, Starmer looked bad for suggesting that the British public were confused by Johnson's nonsense, rather than Johnson looking bad for pushing it on us in the first place. Keith needs some killer instinct in the Commons to get more than just the moral high ground

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**NO MORE AUSTERITY.  
NO MORE WAGE FREEZES OR BENEFIT CUTS.**

**REMEMBER AFTER THIS, ANY OF US COULD  
END UP ON BENEFITS.**

**REMEMBER POLITICIANS ARE ON RECORD TELLING US THEY  
COULD NOT LIVE ON BENEFITS.**

**IF THEY CAN'T WHY SHOULD THEY EXPECT US TO!**

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HAVE STEERED US THROUGH THIS MESS.**

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