

Identity crisis

☆ Short, thin Mr Jerry Hayes (Tory, Harlow) was taken aback when the biggest, burliest woman he had ever seen answered the door to him in Portsmouth South.

He was even more taken aback when he noticed that she sported a well-advanced five o'clock shadow.

But only when she asked him gruffly what he wanted did the MP realise that he was addressing a man in a woman's clothes.

Jerry managed to blurt out: "Er, are you a Conservative?"

To which the apparition replied: "I'm not really sure what I am."

Mr Hayes was far too polite to point out that that was pretty obvious.

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