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Ms N K-Dit-Rawe

John Prescott, the then Deputy PM with responsibility for housing who was one (of the many) landlords' henchmen e.g. forfeiture legislation

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Dear Ms Rawe

Re: Service Charges

Predictably, it was followed by a 2nd 'Get lost!' of 26.11.03 from Siobhan McGrath, then President of the tribunals. See Doc library # 1.1 and # 1.2

Thank you for your letter of 28 August in which you mentioned unreasonable demands from your landlord for the renovation of the flat in which your building is located. I understand, from my colleague Tamsin King and from the correspondence which you sent with your letter, that you have contacted various agencies for assistance and that, unfortunately, the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal is unable to re-open your case.

Since you contacted us, I have been in touch with LEASE and have spoken to Nicholas Kissin, whom I understand offered you advice on previous occasions. Mr Kissin would be happy to advise you again on the best course of action open to you at this moment in time. For reference, the number for LEASE is 020 7490 9580 and they can also be reached by e-mail on info@lease-advice.org. With regard to the LVT, you may wish to consider lodging a formal complaint. To do this, you will need to write to the President of the London Leasehold Valuation Tribunal. I list their details below:

President Residential Property Tribunal Service 10 Alfred Place London WC1E 7LR Tel: 020 7446 7750 Fax: 020 7580 5684 Email: rptscorporateunit@odpm.gsi.gov.uk

N K-Dit-Rawe's comment: Which amounted to another opportunity for the office of the Deputy PM to slam the door in my face

See LVT # 7 for my battle with Siobhan McGrath

I am sorry not to be able to be of further assistance to you at this moment in time. Please do not hesitate to contact the Leasehold Reform Branch should you require further assistance or information in the future.

Yours sincerely Clare Corcoran Leasehold Reform Branch

N K-Dit-Rawe's comment: Inaccurate; LEASE makes it very clear that it does not advise on cases. The only thing it does is quote legislation

Unless you happen to be a landlord!