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Early Christmas for dying Labour Government

Gordon Brown's decision to give MPs their earliest Christmas break in living memory is confirmation that the Labour Government has run out of ideas, Keighley and Ilkley Conservative Parliamentary Candidate Kris Hopkins has said.

Parliament rises for the Christmas recess later today (Wednesday) and will not return to business until Tuesday 5 January 2010.

This, in the wake of an 82-day summer break, means that MPs have sat for only 128 days this year – the smallest number in 30 years.

Cllr Hopkins commented:

“Decisions on when Parliament does and does not sit are taken by the Government of the day and it is clear that this Labour Government has nothing new to say, does not want debate and does not want to be scrutinised.

“The recent Queen's Speech was written by Gordon Brown with the sole purpose of attracting headlines and with no intention whatsoever of actually bringing in new legislation to improve people's lives.

“If he and his Government were serious about helping to heal the many problems this country now faces as a result of Labour incompetence, they would allow Parliament to sit and to introduce the changes that we need. But Gordon Brown is only interested in having power, rather than doing anything positive with it.

”He is now clinging desperately to the wreckage of a dying Labour Government. Thankfully, in just a few months' time, the people of Keighley and Ilkley, as elsewhere in the country, will have a chance to finish it off.”

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