

The ATOS approach to work assessment is the flip side o...

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I'm sometimes asked why I fight tax abuse. The answer is simple right now: it is because we seem to have a political choice between collecting taxes or imposing cuts.

One of the people I have worked with on tax abuse has been Michael Meacher MP. Some have criticised Michael for robust language, and he undoubtedly uses it. He's also proving after 42 years in the House that he is still one of the most committed members of it, leading far more than his fair share of debates.

Yesterday he lead the debate on ATOS and its approach to work assessment. This programme is driven by the desire for cuts. I share Michael's speech here because it is the flip side of what we have done on tax abuse. These are not issues that exist independent of one another: they are intimately and inevitably related. And that's one good reason why I fight tax abuse.

Listen and despair at what we are doing to people:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=9q9QfRVB6HA#!