

Pardon?

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As many media sources note this morning:

One Labour Party source [told](#) *The Times* the MPs had been suspended for “persistent knobheadery”.

Don't get me wrong: I am aware that politicians use inappropriate language, probably a lot more often than some on the BBC do, but this is a term I would most definitely not use.

Why? I really do not think a reference to genitalia, even in slang, is appropriate when discussing the reasons why someone has been suspended from Labour.

Nor do I think that this accusation is true. The slang phrase refers to someone who is a 'stupid or contemptible man' according to the Oxford dictionary. These people are neither.

I also think the term sexist, especially when applied to a woman, as it has been here.

And frankly, it's just vulgar, lazy and suggestive of a lack of critical thinking, whilst also being indicative of vindictive behaviour when used in this way.

Labour is really doing its very best to come out of this as badly as possible, it seems.