Rushanara Ali MP



Dear Isaac,

Thank you very much for getting in touch, and congratulations on your new role on School Parliament. Please find below my answers to your very thoughtful questions.

How did you end up being part of the Treasury Committee?

My party was allocated 4 places on the Committee, and I had to put myself forward for election by my party colleagues for one of those places. Fortunately, I was successful and I now serve on the Committee.

Do you have a story about how you became one?

I became a MP because I was passionate about making a positive difference to the lives of people in Bethnal Green and Bow. Previously I co-founded charities UpRising and One Million Mentors, which are designed to support young people. I also worked for the Home Office and served as a commissioner on the London Child Poverty commission.

Why did you choose to be on it?

I wanted to be on the Treasury Committee because the issues it deals with such as the strength of the economy and the fairness of the tax system are critical for the country, and they also directly impact the constituents I represent.

Are you MPs?

I am the Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Bow, and have been since 2010.

Do you like your job?

I love my job. It is a privilege to represent the amazing people of Bethnal green and Bow, the area where I grew up.

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How is it speaking to people?

Speaking to people in the constituency is a great way to learn about the issues that people are trying to deal with. Speaking in the Chamber of the House of Commons for the first time made me nervous, but it is important to be able to speak about the matters that are concerning by constituents.

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Will you ever retire?

I will not be an MP forever. However, I think I will always want to contribute the experience and skills I have built up even if it is not in a full time role.

Also, would you be able to give me some tips on how to be a good role model on my Treasury Committee? I want to help improve my school to be not low on money so we make our school really good.

Being on a Committee involves working as a team, so my tip would be to listen to the other members of the Committee and to be kind to them even if you do not agree with everything they say.

One more question, is your job hard?

My job is hard, with a lot of demands on my time. But more importantly it is rewarding, and I really enjoy it.

Kind regards,

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