

GMB SCOTLAND APPEAL PART TWO

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Subject: RE: FAO Gary Smith : Anti-Semitism accusations against me

Dear Gary,

I received yet another letter from you today (attached) in which you continue to make claims that something I have done is anti-Semitic. Yet you fail to define what is anti-Semitic. You cannot tell to "cease and desist" as you put it - something which you have not defined. Anti-Semitism is defined by the OED as "hostility to or prejudice against Jews" - none of my Jewish friends consider anything I have done as anti-Semitic, so why should you?

Furthermore, you have yet to respond to the matters I put to you earlier.

I therefore request from you, as soon as possible, the following documents:

- A copy of the GMB policy on anti-Semitism [Has the GMB adopted the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism? This claims that describing Israel as a racist endeavour is anti-Semitic.]
- A copy of the GMB anti-Racism policy
- A copy of the Disciplinary Policy and Procedures

If you are unwilling to supply these, I suppose I will need to either:

- a) Appeal to the Scottish Committee, explaining that you seem unwilling to fulfil your duties and/or
- b) Appeal to our MPs in Parliament to intervene: I can see that at least one MP is Zionist: Ruth Smeeth is funded by the Israel lobby ([see here](#)) so no point in asking her; However, MPs Jo Stevens, Richard Burgon, Dawn Butler are not – they are Labour for Palestine and the Middle East ([see here](#)) so they may support what I am doing. Appeal to our seven Labour MSPs – both current and past – two in particular who are ex-GMB: Michael McMahon and Duncan McNeil, may wish not to see their old union failing to deal with members fairly.

You seem to be forgetting who pays your wages. You have a responsibility to members which outweighs any pro-Zionist values you espouse.

Sadly – and to the detriment of NHS staff, in your letter you forbid me from continuing my activities as a GMB Shop Steward - even though I am presently working with GMB members on a grading dispute. Shall our NHS staff (many of whom would join the GMB) lose out whilst you pursue your vendetta against me? I fully expect you to take as long as you possibly can to resolve this "anti-Semitism" matter – because

- a) You have no evidence of actual anti-Semitism– whilst the only prejudice you know I hold is against Zionists - and I assume you know that true Judaism and Zionism are quite opposite (see the [Neturei Karta](#) for more info)
- b) The needs of members and of building membership seems to count for little in your eyes when you are caught up in defending a policy which is utterly indefensible

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes

Pete Gregson

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5 November 2018

Mr P Gregson
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Dear Mr Gregson

As per my letter of Friday 2 November 2018, I am deeply concerned that you are promoting or indulging in views that are anti-Semitic and therefore at odds with the values of GMB. I am formally advising you that you should cease and desist promoting anti-Semitic views and material.

I understand that you may have also promoted or disseminated anti-Semitic materials whilst identifying yourself as GMB Shop Steward. This is utterly unacceptable as you are contravening GMB policy and bringing our union into disrepute. I do not care if you have personal views on IHRA. GMB has a clear policy on IHRA as has been agreed by our Central Executive Council and members must abide by that policy.

Please cease any activities as a GMB Shop Steward until these matters can be properly investigated. I will be writing to you formally later this week regarding an investigation into your conduct in line with our rule book.

If you chose to ignore this instruction to cease and desist, as per the above, your refusal to action this request will also be considered in any investigation into your activities and any subsequent conduct hearing.

Yours sincerely



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GMB SCOTLAND SECRETARY

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Dear Gary,

I have not heard back from you. A few days ago, I read this "Israel settlers dump sewage on Palestinian school in Qalqiliya" See

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20181102-israel-settlers-dump-sewage-on-palestinian-school-in-qalqiliya>

Will the GMB be for the settlers, or the Palestinians?

Thus far I see you support the settlers. I beg you to consider changing sides.

Yours

Pete