

*By our new acting head of Bias Gary Robertson*

## **Brian Taylor**

Disgraced ex acting head of Bias, BBC Scotlandshire

More from Brian - not any longer



**It is with deep regret that BBC Scotlandshire announces the departure of Brian Taylor from his long-standing post as acting head of Bias.**

After almost 84 years of unstinting adherence to the strictures of BBC policy, Brian let himself and his colleagues down this week by publishing a nightmarishly balanced opinion piece on Thursday's First Minister's Questions in which he seemed to be suggesting that Alex Salmond had somehow bested the other three coalition leaders.

This was a clear breach of the BBC Charter which has as its headline aims, to Mildly Entertain, to Indoctrinate and to Misinform (viewers in Scotland have their own programmes).

Following receipt of the following memorandum, Brian Taylor has been asked to stand down from his post as acting head of Bias. He will, however, be continuing in his secondary role as interim political editor of BBC Scotland. He will also stay on as commissioner of pies for the Holyrood canteen, a role he has enjoyed for many years, and which he has undertaken with characteristic gusto.

At BBC Scotlandshire, we may not have the same punishingly high threshold of political and establishment bias as our colleagues at BBC Scotland, but we do at least require consistency.

While thankfully rare, this is not the first such lapse we have seen from Brian, and the channel felt strongly that a clear signal had to be given, both to Brian and to others, that failure to adhere to proper standards of reporting, particularly on matters which touches on constitutional affairs, is entirely unacceptable at the BBC and will be duly noted.

Internal Memo NOT FOR EXTERNAL RELEASE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!

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SUBJECT: **WHAT the F\*\*K ARE YOU UP TO?**

Kaye,

What were you thinking to allow Brian Taylor to write this subversive crap?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19831970>

The guy's a poet. Therefore, always potentially dangerous. So far, he's been kept under control and his

I don't expect to have to do your job for you, but this blog entry needs to be instantly revised to reflect th

You seem to have forgotten how to do it, so here's a reminder – failure to comply in future will result in e

Letting Taylor go to the Wigtown Book Festival was a major mistake. Books contain ideas that are difficu

### ***Required revisions***

**Free debate**                    [We NEVER allow that!]

There is, it would appear, a discernible pattern in the current state of play at Holyrood with regard to the

The SNP is seizing what it believes is a political opportunity granted by their principal opponents. That is

*The SNP is cowering under Labour's attack.*

Labour's approach is to blend a pragmatic defence of prioritisation in service provision - with straightforw

*Labour is rightly demanding that no benefits should be available to any traitors who vote SNP.*

To date, we have witnessed two ad hominem attacks (upon Alex Salmond and Derek Mackay). Last we

*Wealthy SNP politicians deserve nothing, and Salmond and his plutocratic friends are bent on stealing fr*

The attack upon Alex Salmond today was of the same stamp and, of course, seeks to build upon Labour

Reserving the personal stuff until last, Ms Lamont lampooned the FM - his salary, his hospitality budget,

*That should have been the end of the article!!!!*

Alex Salmond dealt with it all rather well. Laughing, he rose and declared: "So much for the quality debate"

*Are you out of your mind? Suggesting that Salmond/Sturgeon do anything other than cower under hono*

Educational cuts

There is substantive debate in there somewhere. Ms Lamont argued that universal provision came at a c

*There is no debate. Universal provision comes at a cost to other services which are particularly needed*

Mr Salmond argued that universality was more efficient - eschewing wasteful means-testing - and more

*See previous comments on allowing non-Coalition arguments to be deployed.*

Presumably, the debate will move to these elevated points of discussion in the next few days.

The other parties pitched for the day. The Tories will be David Cameron's digital spending spree

Bloody hell! Using "Willie Rennie" and "two-year-olds" in the same sentence creates the obvious associa

### ***Steps for immediate action***

1.

Remind Taylor who pays his salary. If he continues to be defiant, his couplets will be placed in a vice, and

2.

Find the f\*\*cking mole who is publishing internal stuff on the site, and make sure it never happens again

Editor's Note:

We asked Johann Lamont, Scottish Labour leader and stairheid of the Conservative and Unionist National Television Society, for her thoughts - but she was unavailable for comment.

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