

By our Political correspondent **Nat Hunter**



In a bizarre outburst during Scottish Question Time in the House of Commons, Labour MP Ian Davidson has called for Nationalist politicians to be removed from any connection to Glasgow's Commonwealth Games.

SNP politicians make up more than half the elected representation of the Scottish Parliament and have more councillors than any other party. The SNP is also by far the biggest political party in Scotland.

The Commonwealth Games is non-political and supposed to be inclusive so it is more astounding that Davidson should come out with such comments and certain goes against the idea that the Commonwealth Games are the friendly games.

Davidson's comments have the potential to cause embarrassment for Scotland around the world. Labour have so far taken no steps to distance themselves from his comments and Johann Lamont, Labour's leader in Scotland has once more kept silent.

Davidson is notorious for his bitter comments about the SNP, having referred to them in the House of Commons as "Neo Fascists". as well as for his physical threats to the SNP MP, Eilidh Whiteford.

He asked his Better Together colleague Tory Scottish Office Minister David Mundell:

"..would he agree that - when it comes to the Glasgow games - it's absolutely essential that they are run by the City of Glasgow and that we do not have Nationalist politicians trying to muscle in."

It is unclear if Davidson is unaware of how the Commonwealth Games are funded and organised even though he is a Glasgow MP or whether he is so bitter that he cannot see past his own hatred of all things nationalist.

80% of the public funding for the Commonwealth Games comes from the Scottish Government. Glasgow City Council contributes the other 20% of public funding.

The Games are run by an organising committee "Glasgow 2014" working with its partners, the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and Commonwealth Games Scotland.

Glasgow 2014 is made up of a board containing two representatives each from the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and Commonwealth Games Scotland along with six other board members either as independent directors or as athlete representatives.

Scottish Labour leader Johann Lamont was unavailable for comment.

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