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A typical day for a backbencher

- 9.30 Constituency business
- 10.30 Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
- 11.30 Foreign Office Question Time
- 13.30 Consultancy work for a lobbying group on press freedom
- 15.00 Select Committee on Home Affairs
- 17.00 Debate on Growth and Infrastructure Bill
- 19.00 Vote on Growth and Infrastructure Bill
- 20.30 Home. Draft an article for a local newspaper

Source B

The role of parties in the House of Commons

Political parties run parliament, especially the House of Commons. The party leadership makes all the key decisions about legislation. The whips tell MPs how to vote, influence public bill committees and tend to control the parliamentary timetable. It does not appear to be democratic, but no one has found a better way of managing the Commons.

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