

Thank you for your recent email regarding Palestinian human rights.

I do not respond to questionnaires of this nature, because a long running conflict such as this cannot be answered by simple yes/ no answers. I am distressed by the ongoing challenges in the Middle East and support Labour's policy of a two state solution. The international community needs to be firm in it's approach to any breaches of human rights, whoever the perpetrator.

I often meet constituents who have visited Palestine and who provide powerful testimony of the difficult living conditions of the people who lived in the occupied territories. It continues to distress me that despite repeated attempts peace and respite for Palestinians and Israelis is still not achieved.