## Mike Crockart MP

It is widely reported today that Mike Crockart MP for Edinburgh West, will resign over the tuition fees U-turn by the Lib Dems. Crockart is the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Michael Moore.

See <u>The New Statesman</u> for analysis on the tuition fees split in the LibDem camp and also <u>The Evening Standard</u>.

But whether or not it was Mr Crockart who appeared on the World at One is the subject of some debate...Read this article...what do you think? Do you know if it was Mr Crockart or not?

Edinburgh West is the constituency which includes Edinburgh Zoo and Edinburgh Airport in its area.

The LibDem website offers this potted biography of the Edinburgh West MP:-

Mike was born and brought up in Perth, before moving to Edinburgh to study Politics at Edinburgh University in 1984. Over the last 25 years, Mike has worked in the public service and in financial services in Edinburgh, served as a police officer in Lothian & Borders Police for eight years and worked as a systems developer and IT Project Manager for Standard Life for eleven years.

He has been campaigning for the Liberal Democrats in Edinburgh since 1985 and has been a high profile candidate three times in the last 5 years. Mike has fought council byelections and seats at Scottish and Westminster elections, each time standing to represent the constituency in which he lives. In 2005 he achieved an eight per cent swing from Labour to the Liberal Democrats, well above the national average, and narrowly missed taking the Edinburgh North & Leith seat. He believes passionately that the best

campaigners and elected representatives are those who understand and experience local issues and concerns for themselves.

Outside of politics, when not playing with train sets or helping revise for Standard Grades, Mike enjoys photography and listening to classical music.

He lives in the constituency with his wife and two children.