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**Scottish Labour leader Johann Lamont has not attended Holyrood in person since being elected, but has been replaced by an actor, it has been revealed.**

Since her unexplained victory in the Scottish Labour leadership elections last year, Johann Lamont has been working with a small team of advisors in a secret bunker below the Glasgow City Chambers.

Throughout this time she has been secretly planning a series of commissions and studies, designed to allow Scottish Labour policy to fall into line with the main party in London.

Rather than take time out from this crucial work, Lamont was advised not to attend Holyrood in person, but has been represented instead by an unknown look-alike actor, James Krankie (64).

So successful was the ruse, that even Labour MSP colleagues were taken in, until the news was leaked last night after Lamont was spotted sneaking upstairs to the deputy council leader's office for a conjugal visit.

Lamont's error was compounded when it transpired that she had accidentally, entered the office of the council leader, Gordon Matheson, who was seen shortly afterwards, running down the corridors of power, wearing nothing but a pair of deepest red socks and a deeply worried expression.

According to Matheson, he had been accosted by a sex-crazed Lamont while taking a well-deserved nap at the voter's expense. He told a BBC Scotland reporter, "I hid just finished gettin' the broon envelopes thegither for ramorra's planning committee meeting, and I had driftit aff tae sleep.

"At first, I thought I wis dreaming about thon time I was oan Jim'll fix it, but I soon realised that Johann Lamont was busy pullin' aff my claes with the wan haun, and squeezing my democratic principles wi the other. An she wis shoutin "The cap fits" a the time an aw.

"I huvnae been sae scared since I thought the Natz were gonnae win the cooncil elections and open up the books. So I legged it oot ay there and ended up staunin' wi nae kegs oan in a reception for some group ca'ed the Women's Institute Foundation for the Eradication of Youthful Sin.



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