

BBC Question Time

- 1. Please write your question on the card and take to the reception desk**
- 2. PLEASE ASK A DIFFERENT QUESTION TO THE ONE YOU SENT IN VIA E MAIL**
- 3. Your question should be short, sharp and provocative**
- 4. Please ensure your question refers to a single issue that is currently in the news**

JACK STRAW MP has been Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice since June 2007. He was active in student politics and was President of the National Union of Students, before pursuing a career in law. He was elected MP for Blackburn in 1979. He was one of the key members of Tony Blair's cabinet in 1997, and has since held a number of high-profile posts, including Home Secretary. He was Foreign Secretary from 2001 to 2006, a period which saw the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks, and the subsequent 'War on Terror', with the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. He courted controversy in 2006 by suggesting women who wear veils over their faces can make community relations harder, saying they are a "visible statement of separation and of difference." Speaking on the BBC Politics Show last month he said, "wherever we have had BNP problems in my area and when we have fought them hard, we've pulled back and w91 771, a6-1(e)3a veiwe