I recently raised a concern with my AM, Vikki Howells, regarding Mark Reckless and his switch from UKIP to the Conservative party.

I'm a Labour voter, so it makes no difference to me which of these parties he represents. However, I do believe that Mark's actions makes a mockery of our democratic process.

Mark Reckless was elected via the proportional representation part of the Assembly elections, which means he got his seat based on votes from various constituencies in the region he represents. Whilst Mark's name was obviously on the ballot paper, these people who voted clearly believed they were voting for UKIP and not the Conservatives.

I have no problem with Mark Reckless switching parties, after all he was a Conservative MP. I do believe however that he's misled the electorate, maybe not intentionally, but misled them nonetheless.

I remind you of Mark and Douglas Carswell switching to UKIP a couple of years back when MPs at Westminster. By-elections were called in both cases, in which I believe both were successfully re-elected. Mark went on to lose his seat several months later in the general election, I wonder if he is afraid of this happening again should he have to stand for re-election here? Given the current political climate, I doubt he would d be successful in another election whilst standing as a Conservative.

Incidentally, I also take issue with the fact Mark Reckless was allowed to work as a researcher for Douglas Carswell whilst also serving as an AM. I assume this has ended now given that Mr Carswell is no longer an MP, but it days a lot about what Mark Reckless thinks about Wales that he ever did it at all.