

Robert Kilroy-Silk writes...on Metropolitan Police Incompetence

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They cannot protect Prince William at Windsor Castle from a comedian dressed as an Osama bin Laden look-a-like.

They cannot prevent the prime minister from being attacked at Question Time in the House of Commons by condom-throwing "Fathers for Justice.

They cannot protect the monarch's home from someone dressed up as a Batman and Robin.

And they cannot, again, protect MPs debating in the House of Commons chamber, again, from the fired-up fox-hunting fraternity, or stop a disguised Sun reporter smuggling "bomb-making equipment" into the Palace of Westminster.

What can the police protect other than their pensions? And can someone explain just how serious a breach of national security it has to be before the Metropolitan Commissioner, Sir John Stevens, thinks it right to actually accept responsibility for what happens in his domain and resign?