I am fortunate in that in my career in local government, where I am now a senior manager, I have never experienced sexual harassment personally. As an HR professional, I have dealt with very few cases involving sexual harassment. I believe that the government, the Houses of Parliament and the main political parties need to put their own houses in order before legislating. The culture of subsidised bars and cliques of old public schoolboys mean that this is a wider equality issue. The ever further right-wing press is also very sneering about what it writes off as political correctness, when in fact this is an assertion by previously marginalised groups of their right to be treated with dignity and express their distaste. One wonders sometimes if the political elite still think that the casual sexism (and other "isms) shown in Carry On films is perfectly acceptable.

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