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■ *EMILY THORNBERRY, snubbed by Sir Keir Starmer for the role of Attorney General, was behind bars yesterday — alongside John Bercow, disgraced former Commons Speaker, and Noel 'Razor' Smith. It was, I can disclose, thanks to their part in a £300,000 job. But before there's a chorus of 'throw away the key', I should point out that they were at a 'Special Event' at HMP Pentonville, orchestrated by inmate-turned-*

chaplain, Jonathan Aitken, who's also a trustee of the Friends of Pentonville charity, which pulled in that £300,000 in its first year, in an entirely legitimate manner. 'John Bercow was my personal adviser when I was in the Cabinet,' Aitken tells me, explaining that he'd lured him inside to initiate a programme about public speaking — 'interviewing skills, job interviews, voice projection'. Just about in order, then.

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