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Separation and devolution are two completely different concepts which cannot be mixed together. One is not a stop on the way to the other.

~Johann Lamont

I love hard political debate and I love beating somebody on a political point but what I'm more frustrated by is the politics where you play the man not the politics.

~Johann Lamont

Scotland cannot be the only 'something for nothing' country in the world.

~Johann Lamont

My Scottish Labour Party is a crusade - to fight poverty, inequality and injustice.

~Johann Lamont

What I will say will not always please you, but what I say will always be honest and true and how I genuinely see it.

~Johann Lamont

Telling the truth, and confronting the challenge, is what politics is about.

~Johann Lamont

We shall seek debate without division or rancour.

~Johann Lamont

My working life has always been wrapped up in doing my job to the best of my abilities and doing the best for my family. It is not a contest between the two.

~Johann Lamont

I got a very strong sense from my mother, in particular, that we are all

equal in the sight of God.

~Johann Lamont

Schools are not exam factories for the rat race.

~Johann Lamont

The Scottish Labour Party, while I have breath in my body, will listen to the views of trade unionists.

~Johann Lamont

We do students a great disservice by implying that one set of students is more important than another.

~Johann Lamont

We must listen and learn, show humility and seek again to talk for and to people's ambitions and concerns.

~Johann Lamont

While I'm leader, nothing will be off limits - there will not be one policy, one rule, one way of working which cannot be changed.

~Johann Lamont

I'm pretty proud of having completed a marathon myself, so I can only imagine the pride that real athletes feel when they are picked for the Olympic or the Paralympic Games.

~Johann Lamont

The government don't want to talk about the consequences of the choices they make. They pretend there aren't any consequences.

~Johann Lamont

Progressive politics is not something to be bolted on to another cause.

~Johann Lamont

My biggest ambition is to bring together what happens in the real world with what politicians talk about.

~Johann Lamont

It's true across the U.K. that those who had least to do with causing the economic crisis are carrying the heaviest burden. That's unacceptable.

~Johann Lamont

If I have learned one thing in life, it is never to take any man's own estimate of himself. He could very well be mistaken.

~Johann Lamont

I've got a very deep and abiding passion about education being far more than buildings and textbooks; it's what children bring into school with them.

~Johann Lamont

I will not promise what I cannot deliver. And I will never hide the cost of what I propose.

~Johann Lamont

The test is can you do something, rather than have a theoretical argument - can you make a difference?

~Johann Lamont

Maybe I was just born to argue with men.

~Johann Lamont

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