

Pablo the Mule dog; My Chat With the Columbian Minister

Pablo: It's a very big day for me today, I'm going to be interviewing some top brass from the old country. Oh boy oh boy oh boy! Here we are, a little bit of home in the heart of shee shee London.

Pablo: El, Oh, the drug mule, Dee, Are, You..

Pablo: Te gusta te la entrevista (continues to speak in Spanish)

Minister: If you think you can cope with the English I think we can proceed in English.

Pablo: Bueno, so mister minister sir, quite a lot of cocaine comes from Columbia doesn't it?

Minister: Three fifths of the world's cocaine are somehow produced, or partly produced, in our territory.

Pablo: And what does this mean for the environment?

Minister: We are estimating that every year around two hundred thousand hectares are destroyed every year.

Pablo: Gosh, well on hectare is two point four seven acres so two hundred thousand times two point four seven would be, well let me work this out...

Minister: You're talking about two hundred thousand hectares of natural forest that's been there forever.

Pablo: ...divide by two point five, well that's bigger than Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool! And Swindon!

Minister: Chopping down the forest is also contributing to climate change because twenty percent of the gasses are making the Earth to warm up are actually the result of deforestation.

Pablo: so this is actually quite bad for the environment then isn't it?

Minister: Pablo, Columbia is considered the second richest country in the world in terms of bio-diversity.

Pablo: I know.

Minister: Thirty five thousand different plants live in our country.

Pablo: I bet they do.

Minister: Almost two thousand different types of birds live in our country

Pablo: Quite right.

Minister: So, um, consuming drugs actually has a larger impact on this richness of bio-diversity.

Pablo: So the woolly monkey, the bald wakarie, the black billed fly catcher, they're all in danger? Why do people keep doing coke if it causes so much harm.

Minister: I think they don't realise the impact of what they're doing. They think it's their personal business if they get drugged or not, they think they're not harming anyone, they're not doing any harm to all the people, but they don't realise they're causing a lot of distress.

Pablo: Thank you minister, before I go, you see Mitsy down there? Next time you're home can you look her up for me? Check she's alright? Tell her, 'I'm sorry'?

Minister: Well I'll see what I can do for you Pablo.

Pablo: That's all I can ask.

Pablo: MITSYYYYYY!!!