

In addition to the items mentioned in your report for investigation I would like the following to be considered:-

(a) Payment of the food allowance which is I believe £400 per month which is supposed to cover their food when living away from one of their homes over night. No receipts are provided and it would appear that even when parliament is not sitting in the long vacations the claim for food is still made. Whilst living at one of their homes they still have to eat and this should not be provided for by the taxpayer. Whilst at Parliament they eat in the Commons which is heavily subsidised by the taxpayers. A proper scale based on local government allowances should be enough and again proper receipts provided.

(b) The travel allowances for family members and other friends a gain not shown on any receipts should be abolished. Why should the taxpayers pay for these people to travel why is this not paid for by the M.P. out of his salary The mileage allowance etc: should also be strictly enforced and again brought down to a similar allowance for local government.

(c) The large sum I believe in the region of £100,000 per year for staff should be looked at. If as I understand it the M.P. pays in most cases a large part of this for staff usually a spouse he is in effect an employer and as such employs these people. Does he ensure that he deducts the necessary tax and national insurance from such sum if not again this must be looked at.

I could go on and list many other items which these thoroughly corrupt and despicable so called Hon. Members have done in many cases criminal acts have been committed and it is to be hoped that they will be prosecuted and they will then be able to have their second homes provided yet again by the tax payer i.e H.M.Prisons. Oscar Wilde summed up the assessment of our parliamentary processes as democracy means simply bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.

Whilst I have no doubt that you will do a thorough and far reaching investigation and will come up hopefully with a clear guideline overruling the disgraceful so called green book it remains to be seen whether your recommendations will be accepted by this corrupt lot of thieves when it comes down to confirmation in the Commons. It is also hoped that if you recommend that the second home allowance be stopped and many other perks that they have had that you are able to make it retrospective in order that all sums be repaid.

Yours G Harrison