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Dear Sir Christopher,

I understand from comments made by you on the media, that you would welcome comments from the public on the subject of M.P.'s expenses and I would like to take this opportunity to express my views.

I have been horrified and disgusted by the behaviour of M.P.'s and I am very angry with the reaction of many M.P.'s who arrogantly deny that they haven't done anything wrong. We must take this opportunity to establish a system which is open, honest, cost effective and very closely monitored. I realise that you are very busy so will detail what I would like to see happen to resolve this dreadful scandal and establish a system which will be acceptable to the public, who I am sure you are only too aware is very, very angry.

Resolving current scandal

1. Expenses of ALL M.P.'s over the last 10 years to be scrutinised by an independent auditor.
2. Any expenses found to be not in line with the Green Book rules to be repaid with compound interest.
3. All profits made on second homes purchased during an M.P.'s tenure to be repaid.
4. Criminal proceedings to be taken against those M.P.'s fraudulently claiming expenses.
5. Senior officials in the fees office should be dismissed for failing to fulfil their public duties.

Model for the future.

1. M.P.'s salaries and expenses to be decided upon by a board made up of professional experts and members chosen from the public on a random basis, not chosen by political affiliation. Members of the public could be asked to send an application and C.V. and names randomly selected.
2. All office expenses to be monitored by independent auditors.
3. All office employees including paid employees helping an M.P. in his constituency should be selected, employed and paid by an independent central authority.
4. Travel expenses to be confined to the M.P., and they will be expected to travel third class, any additional travel expenses to be covered by the M.P. him/herself.
5. Constituency home always to be classed as the main home.
6. As the Parliament only sits for a limited period, always outside the main tourist periods, temporary arrangements should be made with small hotels in London

with rooms kept available for M.P.'s. During the main tourist periods the House is in recess and therefore the rooms will be available for visitors.

7. In the long term the Government should either buy or build a hostel where M.P.'s could stay. This building could contain two bedroomed flats which could be suitable visiting children and wives.
8. M.P.'s should not receive any funding for food or any other items which normal working people have to fund during the course of their working week.
9. M.P.'s should have to keep a record of the hours spent undertaking their parliamentary duties.

I do hope that your commission will not be bound what has gone before, it is important that you take the opportunity to think and act radically to restore confidence and replace the current corrupt system with a new effective democratic Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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