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Sir Christopher Kelly
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Dear Sir Christopher,

Re MP's pay.

Thank you for considering my submission. I would like to make three points.

1. MPs should be well rewarded for doing such an important job.
2. Being less than entirely honest about one's expenses is probably morally damaging to the individuals involved. I suspect that morally damaged individuals are less likely to make good laws so affecting us all.
3. A recent catastrophe has been the collapse in private pensions and savings. This has been distressing for individuals but as much of the money is invested in our industry it also affects every person in the UK. Parliament has progressively eroded the benefits of a personal pension. It may be suggested that politicians have been careless with our savings. If MPs were to be paid a much larger salary but had to take responsibility for their own financial futures after their careers as an MP concluded, they would be more likely to understand the problems of private pensions and savings. They might then take more care of their actions on pensions and savings. This could benefit the whole nation.

I would like to suggest that you consider higher salaries, that MPs take care of their own pensions and have their tax affairs audited by the Inland Revenue in the same manner as other citizens.

Good luck with your most important task.

Yours sincerely,

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