
18 May 2009

Dear Andrew

I am very proud to have you as my MP as I believe you do an excellent job and have kept your claims to the barest minimum.

I would like to know why parliament can't buy a "constituency" house in all the constituencies which is furnished to a decent standard and the MP can use it whilst he or she is the MP for that constituency. Another flat can be bought so that MPs who live too far away can stay in London when they are in Westminster. This would mean that any repairs would be justified as the property belongs to the public. The repairs will not be fancy kitchens as the MP will not gain anything from having a brand new expensive kitchen as they cannot sell the property and make a profit! The MP could at their own expense buy their own house anywhere in the UK that they wish.

I also object to lavish allowances for food when they are away from their constituency. They would have to buy food if they were in any other job and send in actual receipts!! My last job when I went to a conference in New York I was given \$600.00. I had to supply receipts for every penny that I spent and if I had lost a receipt bad luck. I had to repay any monies that I did not have receipts for.

Regards

R Joffe

18 May 2009

Our Reference: G/10/07/0001

Please quote reference on all related correspondence

Dear R Joffe

You wrote to me about the issue of Parliamentary allowances and expenses.

19/05/2009

20 May 2009

Dear Andrew

In the light of the recent public exposure of MPs abuse of their expense allowances; would it not be a good idea to make the repayment of these abuses retrospective for six years. Any MPs who have left parliament should not be let off the hook and should be made to repay any unnecessary expenditure. This obviously would not be practicable if the MP had died.

Granted this might seem draconian but this through clean up would restore the public's confidence in our parliamentarians.

Regards

R Joffe

21/05/2009