

Andrew Selous MP,  
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Dear Andrew,

**Reference: MP's Expenses**

I read your email of 18<sup>th</sup> May with interest and would agree with you about the perception of MP's with the Public regarding their expenses and second home allowances. I am pleased that you have made your expenses and allowances totally transparent as this gives us all faith moving forwards. As ever I am sure it is a few that always make things worse for the many MP's who work tirelessly for their constituents as you do.

I would like to suggest regarding MP's second homes that perhaps the House of Commons should manage the accommodation to ensure that both the MP can do his/her duties away from home satisfactorily as well as ensuring the tax payer gets value for money. All accommodation should be vetted as being suitable, comfortable as well as secure and the MP would have a choice of furnished or unfurnished properties. Furniture, TV's and other electrical goods should be paid for out of the MP's own pocket and not via expenses. Expenses should be for out of pocket expenditure incurred whilst carrying out the individuals official duties such as entertaining or travelling to official meetings etc.

With regards to an MP's office this should be run as a business with fair salaries for all staff and decent working conditions and equipment. Perhaps the annual salary for MP's should be reviewed to bring them more in-line with equivalents in commerce (Perhaps not Banking) although being an MP was more of a privilege than a commercial gain.

Once again I thank you for your declaration and for all of the help and assistance you have provided me with in recent times.

Yours sincerely,

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Dunstable,  
Bedfordshire,