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Dear Sir Christopher

As a humble member of the *hoi polloi* it seems to me that a simple answer to the problem of MPs expenses, and especially second homes, would be to pass the responsibility over to the constituencies. After all if the current MP needs a base in London then their successor will too, so it would make sense for it to be owned by the constituency. Likewise other expenses could be remitted by the constituency and published transparently. Thus if there were to be questions of probity with the expenses claim then that issue would become part of a subsequent re-election campaign – as it should be.

I suppose there may be constitutional problems with this concept, but surely they would be minor ones?

Yours faithfully,