

For the attention of Sir Christopher Kelly.

I have been following the furore surrounding the exposure by the Daily Telegraph of the ludicrous and outrageous claims submitted by the majority of MP's and government ministers and am becoming increasingly concerned about the impact of these events upon the everyday man and woman in this country. Already most people are very cynical about politicians and politics in general which will undoubtedly have a catastrophic effect upon voting patterns in June EE and local government elections.

The first point I want to make is that apparently MP's are allowed to keep their second homes – which have been paid for by the taxpayer - when they leave Parliament and are then able to make huge cash sums when they sell these homes particularly from houses in London and its conurbations.

This practice must be ended immediately and any profits from the sale of such properties must be returned to the taxpayer.

I trust your committee will also take on board the undoubted desire by the public to see all expenses claims etc handled by an independent authority with members of the public as part of the scrutiny panel and in future MP's must never be allowed to vote on any issues relating to their salaries or expenses.

Yours truly

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