

Dear Sir Christopher

I appreciate that you'll end up with lots of suggestions and no-one will come up with anything not thought of before, but what about....

the taxpayer buying, or renting on long term lease (less preferable), sufficient, say 500?, 1 and 2 bed flats within walking distance/easy taxi ride of the Commons. I accept that late night sittings after public transport has finished is a potential concern, but how often does it happen?

All flats could be furnished identically and maintained by the taxpayer, thus avoiding any disparities between costs and avoiding hierarchical issues.

Furthermore, as and when the flats are no longer required, say when the number of MPs reduces, they can be sold and any profit goes back to the taxpayer.

It will resolve the issue of second home allowances, the John Lewis list, etc and should, even with central government bureaucracy and largesse, result in reduced running costs.

I appreciate that governments never do things quick but if the flats could be bought sooner rather than later it would also have the added knock on effect of potential buying the properties at keen prices and helping the housing market a little.

Perhaps the MPs could be housed in social housing provision?

Let me know what you think.
Regards

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