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Members of Parliament Expenses Proposals

An excepted principal of Parliament should that no would be electable candidate should have a mortgage at all.

All ready elected MPs phase mortgage out in remainder of this parliament.

As the expense system is predominately receipts based, this area should and can be substantially reduced by payment per parliament rather than the complex drip drip basis of receipts.

The second homes allowance should have a change of Title to becoming known as Second home supplement and only payable once or twice per parliament and only rise by inflation by September inflation in line with all social security provision at the beginning of each parliament.

Thinking over market rents and marches housing rents I think a supplement of 150 pounds per week based on or near to rentable value should be sufficient. 20K payable to each MP twice per parliament for rent only and having a proven track record of attendance of 70% of the Parliamentary time in Parliament.

Those MPs who perform below 45% attendance will automatically lose/cast themselves out from housing supplement entitlement.

Then come the question of when best to pay out this supplement

- At the beginning of a Parliament. To a green horn might seem appropriate but alas would be spent to soon. (hence potential for two payments per Parliament).
- In the centre of a Parliaments life. Create only an unwanted distraction from the business of Parliament.
- At the end, near to an election, seen as a welcome bonus by MPs and by the public for good service ro constituency and Paliament.

This approach of a block amount payable at this level will be less ambiguous, create far less receipts and considerable more openness for MPs and the public.

As MPs appear not to have had their four pounds taken off each week or month for expense claims neither should the poorest people living in rural

areas having to travel to CSV and Pertempt for courses. MPs to place parliament and their selves on par with constituents must move to abolish the four pound rule for the poorest in society.

MPs when claiming public funds for insurances for what ever reason should as a mark of public support for the Post Office as standard practice use the services of the Post Office. A Popular jesture of support from MPs to the Public for the post office.

Reflecting on the out and out extremity of some MPs including party leaders the system of expenses require area by area to be a set figure and ring fenced.

There should be clear wording that the expenses claimed by all MPs must be **Politically orientated not domestic.**

The allowances for MPs secretaries in the Constituency and Westminster should be available to MPs by Block amount of 30K in total. Again only rose once per Parliament in line with the peoples September inflation rate.

These secretaries should not become on an agency basis employees of House of Commons. This notion would only serve to divide Parliament and People further apart than it is now. The employment of secretaries should remain at the discretion of elected MPs as to ensure the encouragement and usage where applicable of local talent as well as London talent into the world of work.

The area of travel expenses be operated by a system of Pass allocation for Buses and warrents for Trains.

As for the aeroplane operated on the basis of second class travel and be limited to back bench parliamentary committees and **three per parliamentary year.**

Bus and train should also cover MPs children until eighteen years of age.

As for MPs husbands and wives respectfully they should be paid for out of MPs salary and not included in the scheme.