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| 1                | All systems must be transparent and no more favourable than to others who work in any other industry or service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2                | NO! An independent system's needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3                | NO! NO! As a taxpayer and a manager in FE I can't claim for travel to work, for clothes, for Union Subscriptions for the other things. I need to do my job so why should MPs. This is not envy but common sense - let's have a level playing field.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4                | NO! No reimbursement without a receipt - for everything!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5                | There should be no financial advantage from being an MP - ordinary citizens don't have the advantage to make extra at the taxpayers expense so why should MPs? Second homes & their mortgages should become the property of the state as we have paid for them & when the MPs tenure has ceased the property reverts to the Government who can sell it at the market rate. This should happen from 1 June 2009. Why not house MPs on Council Estates within walking distance of the House of Commons or build a hostel for them similar to student accommodation. |
| 6                | The MPs already have a large enough salary with a 2.33% increase this year. Why not ensure that FE salaries match those of schools - equal pay for work of equal value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7                | The House of Commons should become the employer and vet all who work there so no MP can claim additional monies from the taxpayer. Central procurement and a fixed salary structure for all would be transparent & fair.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8                | If an MP is away on Parliamentary business then the House will pay the bills directly esp. if abroad. They should not have access to additional expenses!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9                | Second homes - small flats for use for 155 days a year, which can then be rented out to tourists to make money during the long summer recess! Basic accommodation only & for use for those MPs outside of the 'Commuter belt' of 1 hour or more to a London mainline station.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10               | Yes, they can but they will be employed either by the House or by their Constituency Party - after an interview to ensure they are the best candidate with the qualifications necessary to do the job! No money just for doing nothing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11               | YES! No reimbursement without a receipt & an explanation/authorisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12               | Everything should be available - they are using taxpayers' money so we have the right to know.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

- 13 No! If they earn any money from work outside of parliament then they should forgo £1 for every £1 they earn. Harsh but just.
- 14 No. The Party/Constituency/Office should pay - everything should go through a system not through the MPs pockets.

Regards

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