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Review of MPs expenses

Submission of a proposal to the Review of MPs' expenses by the Committee on Standards in Public Life. I authorise this proposal for publication and discussion.

PROPOSAL

- * MPs' accommodation, located within walking distance of the Palace of Westminster, should be provided by the state in the form of a secure fully-serviced building, similar to a business-class hotel.
- * This "all found" accommodation would be fully furnished and include all housekeeping services.
- * Business services, such as office facilities and/or staff, would be available within the building.
- * The accommodation will be permanently allocated to Parliamentary seats, rather than named MPs.
- * Meals will be provided to MPs by the state in an integral restaurant.
- * Optionally, additional accommodation and/or meals could be provided for MPs' staff.

ADVANTAGES

- * MPs would have their accommodation and food provided directly by the state, eliminating this as an expense claim.
- * The state, rather than the MP, would retain the value of the accommodation asset.
- * Commuting time and costs to and from Parliament would be significantly reduced.
- * MPs' security would be improved.
- * The accommodation could be let-out to generate income during Parliamentary holidays.
- * Overall cost to the taxpayer would be far lower than at present.

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