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Dear Sir or Madam

I put forward the following points for your consideration when looking into the pay and conditions of MPs:

1. There are too many MPs and their number should be reduced. At present there is too much scope in the size of constituencies from 22,000 to 110,000. A rationalization is required which would lead to a reduction in overall expense.
2. There should be a maximum limit as well as a minimum on the age of MPs and a limit on the number of terms that a MP can stand.
3. Changes should be made to the parliamentary day and calendar to reflect the normal business hours which most people adhere to. This would also include a reduction in the ridiculously long recesses (holidays) that MPs enjoy at present.
4. MPs' pay should be increased to £100,000 per annum and should be reviewed periodically by an independent body which does not include MPs, members of the House of Lords or senior Whitehall Civil Servants who could be seen to be too close to Parliament to have an objective view.
5. MPs should be banned from any other paid work . I cannot understand how any MP can justify the levels of payment for part-time directorships, consultancies that they seem to get. Surely being a MP is a full-time job if done properly.
6. Second home allowances and any other living allowances should be scrapped.
7. Office accommodation and staff should be provided directly from public funds.
8. Accommodation should be provided in Central London for MPs who cannot reasonably be expected to return to their constituency homes overnight.
9. Special advisers should be provided and paid for by the parliamentary parties and not

out of public funds.

I am sure that I could think of further changes to the present discredited system but these will do to be going on with. I am seriously considering spoiling my ballot papers in any future elections if significant changes are not forthcoming in the near future.

The bottom line is that I cannot think of a single MP who has left Parliament poorer than when they were first elected. In fact, most seems to be substantially better off.

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