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Commission For Standards In Public Life
35 Great Smith Street
London
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RE: MP's Expenses

Dear Sir or Madam,

Previously I have communicated my concerns and opinions with my MP , Dr Ashok Kumar, and am now advised to communicate such with yourselves.

1. That the purpose, rules and guidelines and monitoring of the expenses system needs to be entirely independent, transparent and in line with the results of an, as yet not conducted, survey of the public electorate by a respected company.
Note, this must be free from political interference by any party.
2. That second homes used by non-London constituency MP's when in London should be owned, managed and provided by the state also the 'fixtures and fittings' necessary for normal living purposes. Any preferential items to be provided and owned by the MP and paid for by them.
3. Clear and consistent sanctions for breaches of the new rules applied in all cases.
4. MP's assistants to be employed by the state with relatives and close friends specifically excluded in order to ensure impartiality should it become necessary to investigate an MP's affairs.
5. That pensions arrangement should be ideally in line with the private sector average but certainly not more generous than the public sector average.
6. That your current investigation determines clearly the existing rules regarding 'maintenance' and necessary items claimable and recovers all monies not appropriate , through legal measures where necessary.
7. In some cases it will be necessary for the CPS to prosecute for fraud and remove those MP's from public duty and not hesitate to do so to increase public confidence in our employees.

Yours

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NB: Perhaps it is also due time to rename the 'government', the 'servitude' in order to remind our elected persons of their role as servants not masters.