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Gourock,

Dear Sir,

M.P.s expenses

I would like to add my displeasure of expenses claimed by some Members of Parliament, to the thousands if not millions of voters already recorded.

This is the result of a lax system and unprincipled parliamentarians. It is also to be noted this has been going on and permitted to go on for some considerable time. There is talk of tracing the person responsible for releasing information to the press of the allowances now in question. I would suggest it would be more appropriate to compliment and congratulate the person responsible, for acting in the public interest.

Whilst I would most certainly agree that Members of Parliament should be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses surely it is not outwith the province of exploring the practices and procedures of national companies, of staff required to reside other than at the main base of business and residence.

It would also be useful if sitting members of Parliament and those seeking re-election, could make available an annual itemised list of expenses claimed, to all interested registered voters in their constituency.

It should also be considered that Members found to have made inappropriate claims be dismissed from their position as a Member of Parliament. It would appear at present there is no system, in which the services of an M.P. can be terminated for any inappropriate conduct or even being found guilty of a criminal offence. I appreciate this would not an easy matter and may well bring distress and disenchantment to M.P.s so involved but surely it is in the realms of practicalities and procedure. After all, other government and public servants together with members of the military are subject to disciplinary action.

Yours sincerely,

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