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The submission of receipts - a necessary but insufficient safeguard.

The gathering of receipts (for the reclamation of tax) is a widespread and corrupt practice. It is so deeply ingrained that good friends who generally share my outlook are quite brazen in pocketing receipts for money spent on personal goods and services which they later intend to set against tax. MPs who share the same ethos will do the same for the purpose of expenses. There has to be a random and scrupulous investigation of a proportion of MPs receipts to ensure they are justified. Results to be made public

Second Jobs

There must be a declaration of what proportion of the working week is spent on paid outside interests. This must be declared to the electorate at election time. If people are to vote for a part time servant then they must know that that is what they will get.

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