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There is only one real way to overcome the issue of allowances for second homes etc. It is for the state to own, service and maintain accommodation appropriate for MPs when they are in London for their use when on government business. This is what I understand is done in Germany for all representatives at the Bundestag on a campus close to their parliament.

We may not have the luxury of land available beside the House of Commons but we do have a multi million pound development underway to house the olympic teams or the Chelsea Barracks site, either of which might be appropriate. One asks why the Olympic provision particularly could not be modified for the use of MPs. It could provide the infrastructure (communication, security, leisure facilities, good transport, libraries, restaurants and research offices) appropriate and a genuine legacy.

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