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Sir Christopher Kelly KCB
Chairman
The Committee on Standards in Public Life
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Dear Sir Christopher ✓

MP's expenses

HMRC has a well established procedure for determining if there is any element of benefit in an employees expenses (and of taxing the employee on it if there is any such benefit).

This is known as the P11D regime and employers and many employees will be familiar with it.

I propose to you that the expenses claimed by MPs should be subjected to the same rules and procedures as all other employees and that any benefit over and above the remuneration voted by Parliament should be recovered by the State.

Parliament would of course be able to vote that MPs should be entitled to benefits in addition to their salaries but information on such benefits would be publicly available and those benefits would be subject to tax as are the benefits of all other taxpayers.

Yours faithfully

Patrick Reynolds