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MP expenses

I wish to comment on the practice of MPs employing family members. I believe strongly that the practice should be stopped.

In all other walks of life interviews take place and the best person for the job is appointed. MPs often appoint wives as PAs but here is no control over what they do and how much time they devote to the job even if they can demonstrate they are capable of doing it.

The people I speak to are all against this extra income for MP households of £30,000 which seems to be the going rate.

If this issue is not dealt with properly the public will be up in arms when the next case of abuse comes to light.

Please give careful consideration to this issue.

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