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Sir Christopher Kelly. Sir,I wish the Committee to consider the following part of a letter which I had printed in the Rotherham Advertiser on the 22nd May 2009.

MPs should complete annual tax returns

The best way to stop dishonourable MPs from taking advantage of the more than generous allowance system is to place them in the same category as the self-employed.They would then be obliged by law to complete an annual tax return(preferably by an Accountant which they would pay for and would be tax deductible).The return would then be submitted to HMRC in the normal way.An independent of eminent people would determine and review on an annual basis the basic fee for MPs with additions for those with extra responsibilities (e.g the Prime Minister and other members of the cabinet) By this method MPs would then retain receipts for actual expenses and their tax liability would be assessed accordingly. By adopting this method of paying our MPs the voting public would not be able to claim(as in the past) that some MPs have been 'milking the system'.

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