

**Our Ref: Sir C Kelly Review**

Sir C Kelly KCB  
Committee on Standards in Public Life

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Dear Sir,  
**Review of MPs' Expenses "OUTSIDE INTEREST"**

If we are hoping to regain public trust and true transparency in Parliament then we must vigorously tackle the unacceptable practice of second jobs that MPs from all political parties currently hold.

I personally believe that to represent our constituencies fully we should be totally committed to being full time MPs. If we don't take the brave step and ban second jobs altogether, then we have a duty to thoroughly overhaul the system and implement changes that will provide much greater transparency and tighter regulation.

The register of interests is far too vague with too little information.

MPs with second jobs should reveal in **full detail** the following:-

1. How much they are paid ?
2. What exactly they receive the pay for?
3. Full details of who they are working for?
4. How much time their second job commands?
5. Does the second job in any way connect with their work in Parliament?

This inquiry gives us the perfect opportunity to tackle the issue of second jobs which in my view is a far bigger issue than the current public anger over MPs expenses. MPs with second jobs should answer all of the questions above in detail because the current register of interest is unacceptably inadequate.

I would be very grateful if you would submit my comments on outside interest to the consultation on the Review of MPs' Expenses.

Yours sincerely,

**David Crausby MP**