

North Harrow

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Sir Christopher Kelly
Chair Committee on Standards
House of Commons
Westminster SW1

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Dear Sir Christopher,

As a taxpayer, I would like to make some suggestions as to how MPs should be paid and what allowances they should receive.

I have spoken to many friends and others, and all seem to be of one voice – MPs should be treated like the rest of the population i.e. no special privileges, to include the following;

Allowances for those MPs who live too far away to travel daily to Parliament – either rent or a modest hotel allowance – all covered by receipts.

Pensions must fall into line with others – one 60th not one 40th.

No re-location grant on leaving Parliament

No one-year final salary pay-off when a seat is lost or resigned; the usual redundancy

All allowances for mortgage interest stopped

All allowances for furniture, food cosmetics, clothing, gardening etc. stopped.

All first class travel stopped – and no free travel for family members.

No employment of family members

£10,000 grant for communication stopped.

MPs salaries at £60,000 plus places them in the top 3% of earners in the UK. They should not be increased.

As you see – a lot of ‘stops’, but they do bring MPs’ affairs into line with the rest of the population, which is seen as fair and proper. The self-serving is over; it has left the electorate angry and bitter, and worse - it has damaged democracy because fewer and fewer disillusioned people care to vote.

Yours sincerely,

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