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Dear Sir Christopher,

I understand that your brief is to cover the reorganisation of M.P.s expenses, but as all of the experts who appear on T.V. agree, it will take more than that to obtain the nation's trust. This can only be obtained by a major rethink of our parliamentary structure to make each M.P. more readily represent the common man's expectation of those he/she is paid to represent and not the party's political desire. I attach my personal view of how a few simple rules would make them more accountable and respond to their constituents requests. Hopefully my comments will give you more information from a non-political outlook based on how things are controlled in the *real world*.

If M.P.s are to be properly controlled in a similar manner to the attached, then obviously their basic salary needs to be increased by say 30% to more accurately reflect the important position and the fact that they are all working on short term fixed contracts ,without bonuses/pay-offs ,including sideways or upward promotions.

I wish you good luck in your task and hope that your final report will result in the British Parliament regain its position of being the MOTHER of all democracies.  
Yours sincerely

Roger Saxton- Howes.

1) All M.P.'s must live in the constituency which they represent. They will then be surrounded by the people who voted for and paid them and not by the "Westminster Village" crowd.

## 2) Fixed Term Parliament

**Contracts** of 4 or 5 years. If they want to stand for re-election, they must publish details of their expense claims and their conduct during the last period in office. This would include how often they sat in the commons, their voting history and did they carry out their and their parties manifesto promises.

**3) Dishonest or Immoral behaviour** If they have misused the trust of the people, the constituency can demand they stand down immediately and they have to stand down, without golden handshakes and a new election called within four weeks of the misdemeanour's being discovered. They cannot re-stand for at least four years. Similarly they must immediately stand down if they decide to switch parties, but of course can stand for re-election under their new colours.

**4) Prime Ministers can only serve for a maximum of two terms.** If for any reason, He/She is unable to continue in office the deputy Prime Minister will take over for a maximum of six months before a new General Election is called.

**5) Housing /travel allowances** As M.P.'s will be living in their own constituency there will be no reason for second home allowances. If the constituency is within say 50 miles of Westminster, travel to and from The Commons will be out of the M.P.s pocket. *(just like the common man does)*. From constituencies more than 50 miles M.P.s will claim normal first class travel rates from their home to the House once each week when the house is sitting plus an overnight allowance for average 4\* hotel, bed/breakfast and say an evening meal at £30 for each of the two or three nights a week that they are at the House. Obviously if an M.P. Benefits from a Grace and Favour House /government car then these allowances will not be applicable.

**6) Secretarial / Research Staff** These positions to be advertised for a 4/5 contract period. Appointees to be approved by and paid at the normal Civil Service rates, by the government.

**7) Other Expenses** All expenses will only be for items directly necessary for carrying out parliamentary business and will recorded weekly. Any expenditure over £5 = must have a detailed receipt.

**8) 3 Line Whip** can only operate on Manifesto Policies. M.P. must vote according to constituents wishes, without fear of reprimand from Party Chiefs.