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sir Christopher Kelly
committee on Standards in Public life
House of Commons
London SW1A0AA

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Dear Sir,

I wrote to David Cameron regarding M.P.s expenses and allowances and received a reply informing me that 121 members had repaid a total of £255,000. This amounts to just over £150 each out of an average of £22,00 claimed.

This is not an entirely satisfactory result by the scrutiny panel, but they are awaiting the result of the long term recommendations to be put forward in your report. I regret there is a necessary need for so called Honorable members, but they must realise that they are servants of the people and should comply as the general public have to with the rules of law made by themselves, among other things by paying tax on travel to and from work and not requiring second homes if their constituency is within an hour or so journey from Westminster.

It is common sense, honesty and openness that is required and I hope that your recommendations will make this clear to all Parties.

* Many electors do not know personally the candidates or members for Westminster or Europe in their area, but put their trust in them to behave properly and do a satisfactory job for the electorate and the country as a whole whatever their party.

Yours faithfully,

J. Crawley (Mrs.)

(past unpaid councillor and Town Mayor, volunteer in a number of capacities, full time carer to husband for 2 years. Mother and grandmother)

* P.S. I have just heard that M.P.s & MEPs receive a further £10,000 to promote themselves!!