

Sir/Madam

I would like to put forward several ideas regarding MPs salary and expenses.

The annual salary of MPs should be linked to the average wage for workers in general. This could be increased by a multiple of 2 or 3(but no more.) When the country does well then this will be reflected in MPs pay and when the country does not prosper neither will MPs.

Cabinet members should receive 30% more (let's face it most of them would do the job for free as a boost to their collective egos)

The PM should be paid double a basic MPs salary.

All expenses should be published online in full, if my MP is spending taxpayers money on pornographic material (perish the thought!) I want to know about it. **I don't want edited expenses, the full expenses please.**

Transport cost should be based on a 1400cc car which is more than adequate and sets a good example.

Rail travel at standard fare.

Air travel at standard fare.

Coach travel (remember coaches, working people have to use them!) paid at standard fare.

All ministerial cars should be sold off, Clement Attlee travelled on public transport during the war so let's not have any drivel about security. Nothing isolates politicians more than being driven around in armour plated luxury. And as an added bonus if the people who plan and organize our transport systems have to use them then it might have the effect of improving our transport systems.

The new system of pay and expenses has to reflect the changed financial circumstances this country faces. Calls to tighten our belts whilst politicians are allowed to let theirs out will not go down well with the electorate.

Politicians should set an example as far as pay goes, they should not set the pace!

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