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Dear Sir Christopher

MPs' standards

I have an idea which would solve the problem of excessive public spending on MPs' second homes: each constituency should provide a house for its MP, like a priest's rectory, which passes from MP to MP over the years. It should be have a decent kitchen and bathroom and basic furniture, leaving space for the MP to add his or her own knick-knacks at their own expense.

When they need to stay in London they could be put up at a Travelodge.

I think there is one south of the river, quite close to Parliament. I am sure the hotel would appreciate a block booking, and probably give a good rate, for the time Parliament is sitting and there would be no expense during holidays.

A question: since when has it been obligatory for MPs to have a house in the constituency; their job is to represent their voters in Parliament but they seem to spend a lot of time being super-social workers in the constituency.

I hope this little idea sparks a thought.

Yours faithfully

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