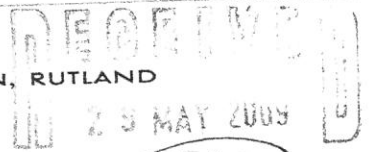


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Dear Sir Christopher,

I offer these 'contributions' to your committee's inquiry into the payments of Members of Parliament:

- the report should clarify the role of the Commons Commission and the Allowances Committee to this point, and identify how effectively this role was fulfilled.
- any new system of payment should be underpinned by a performance

management process, giving feedback on the effectiveness of the individual M.P. and targets for further development

- new proposals for payment should be shown to support the Government's Equality Bill. So, for example, Members should be brought within the general taxation framework, paying tax on expenses and the sale of their homes
- Members, rather than taxpayers, should be levied annually to cover additional costs incurred by enhanced scrutiny within the system.

Yours sincerely,

4.6.09.

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Dear Sir Christopher,

I recently wrote to you regarding MAs, allowances and expenses.

Following further working disclosures concerning 'second-home' allowances, it appears that some claims have been made for improving houses purchased in a dilapidated state. The cost of replacement windows

is one example published, on such a property.

Should support for second homes continue, I suggest that Members all required to submit a full survey, prior to purchase, to the appropriate authority, so that all structural alterations and improvements necessary are clearly identified, with costs born by the individual M.P. In that way, tax-payers will not lose on the profits made on a future sale.

Yours sincerely,