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Review of MPs expenses
The Committee on Standards in Public Life
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Dear Sirs/Madams,

My suggestion is simple, create the system such that MP's and other civil servants don't incur expenses, i.e. everything is arranged and paid for by a genuinely independent support organization, with no ability of MPs to interfere, intimidate or abuse.

If a MP needs to travel a ticket/warrant is bought for him, if he needs housing because he lives more than 1.5 Hrs outside London, a 2 bed house or flat is rented for him. If he needs a PA, a civil servant is allocated to him, etc. In this system all expenses are standardised, accounted for and transparent.

Like nursing being a MP must be seen as a vocation, as such the remuneration should be average and compared to a middle management position. How can people decide what the public needs if the people making the decisions are isolated from the public's headaches.

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