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Sir Christopher Kelly KCB.,
Chairman,
Committee of Standards in Public Life,
35 Great Smith Street,
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Dear Sir Christopher,

I write to you to express my indignation that those MP's who have announced they will retire at the next General Election, likely in 12 months time, will continue to draw a salary and expenses as an MP until that time, (I appreciate this will happen unless they were sacked) but will also get an end of term payment of at least 6 months salary. I can appreciate that if a candidate who stands is not re-elected then he or she will have expenses and major adjustments to make in their life. If MPs know they are going to retire they have ample opportunity to sort this out before the next general election.

It is indeed ironic that those MPs who have resigned in the wake of the developing expenses scandal will do so well when they go, get an additional wad and qualify for the best pension scheme in the country.

The ordinary citizen of the UK is convinced that MP's are above the law, and that failure, fraud, cheating and cheek is being rewarded.

I urge your committee to amend the rules so that such MPs do not get 'redundancy' (cant remember what they call it) when they leave the privilege of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

P J. JACKSON.