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Sir Christopher Kelly  
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Dear Sir Christopher

Computer Equipment

As you will be aware, the Parliamentary ICT department loan MPs four Desktops and up to three Laptops for use in an MP's office.

I am sure I am not the only MP who has found, taking into account the number of interns working on a voluntary basis, the number of computers supplied through PICT are not sufficient.

To ensure technical support from PICT, an MP has to purchase any additional computer equipment through that department. The cost of the computer is extremely high as it takes into account the Service costs.

Additional computers are purchased through the Incidental Expenses Provision, but an MP has to pay Tax on that purchase. To specifically calculate the Tax due, I have to pay for the services of an accountant to complete my self-assessment form., as I am advised the additional computers will become my property when I cease to be an MP.

Without the purchase of these additional computers, I would not have to engage the services of an accountant to help me complete my self-assessment form.

Perhaps the system of obtaining additional computers can be altered. If any additional computers are required by an MP, perhaps these can be supplied on a monthly rental basis. Not only would this prevent the use of an accountant, but the computers can be returned to PICT when an MP no longer stands.

Yours sincerely

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