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Sir Christopher Kelly -----

Sir,

Parliamentary Procedures / Standards

There is no point in rehearsing the many reasons why Parliament is now held in such contempt. It is not just because of the latest expenses scandal either.

The present MPs and Party leaders have no right to introduce new rules. It must be the Public who decide (through you?) as to how Parliament is to be set-up and controlled in the future.

It needs:-

- A proper job-description for MPs setting down the rules and conditions should be published, drawn up by a totally independent Public Body
- Some way of encouraging people to stand as Independent members of Parliament so that views and debate is in the Public interest and not Party control. Would it be possible to set a target of 35% to 50% seats designate for Independents?

The 'job' of a MP is an appointment from the public and so the public should lay down the MP's conditions of employment and rules for

Parliamentary procedure.

- a reasonable salary, £50K/60K would readily attract many good people.
- Being a MP should be a full time job
 - no second jobs
 - MPs must be on Parliamentary business and to attend business in the House. All too often major debate is carried on with a mere handful of MPs present in the House - no attendance/committee work - no pay. What about a quorum - 51% - no quorum, no legislation.
- The Parliamentary day should be better organised. Start at 9/9.30am and close at 5/6pm would be much better for example.
- MPs are elected to represent the Public. All Parliamentary business MUST be put to the House. The 'Establishment' MUST stop ignoring / by-passing Parliament.

And,

- Why not require 30/40/50% of the electorate to vote before anyone can be returned as a MP??

Sorry about the delay in sending these views, and the poor writing. The Public are looking to you to come up with a much better solution -
best of luck Yours faithfully
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