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Submission of letter to Andrew Selous MP

Hi Andrew,

I am one of your constituents. Have just read your "View From The House - MPs Expenses" on your website.

I also work in London and at least once a week get home towards 12 midnight and have to get back to work at 9pm next morning. But I have to commute everyday into London and I can't claim my £3000 season ticket off my taxable income. I pay 41% of my income in Tax even though I am the only earner in my household. You can claim travel expenses for travelling from Bedfordshire to London but I can't? You can claim for accommodation in London but I can't.

All I (and others I talk to) expect is that MPs face the same rules we all do.

You should get a salary (say 150K seems fair to me) and that is it. If you want to rent/buy a flat in London then you pay it out of your salary in the same way I would do. You are taxed on your income, and can't claim your salary again in expenses. Your capital gains on your second property should be taxed just like anyone else.

Please lets have MPs pay taxes the same as their constituents have to.

Your Sincerely

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