

Dear Sir,

Each constituency should have associated with it a predetermined stipend, computed from the distance of the constituency from Westminster (mainly) and cost of living in their constituency.

The first approximation for the computation can be obtained from expenses actually claimed by and paid to MPs for the constituency -- and a second, by smoothing the first.

The purpose is to replace second home expenses. Expenses for travelling home at night in London after a late sitting are not addressed by this idea.

Although I would be happy to expand on the idea in response to detailed questions, I have no particular attachment to it, nor inventiveness for detail, and I would be no better than the next man at inventing such detail as might make it attractive and successful.

Yours faithfully
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