

I can quite accept that it is necessary for MP's who live a distance from London require a home in the capital as well as a home in their constituency. However they should only be able to claim justifiable expenses on the cheaper of the two homes. They should not be able to claim for food and a reasonable ceiling placed on the value of individual items. When the property they have claimed expenses on is sold any profit should be shared 50/50 between the public purse and the MP; the valuation should also be the mean of three independent valuations and overseen by the standards committee. MP's should not be able to claim second homes allowance if the centre of their constituency is more than 40 miles from Westminster and MPs who represent areas within the M25 should not be able to claim any travel expenses. Travel expenses should be paid at the same rate accepted by HM Revenue for any tax payer.

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