

David,

I cannot let the current furore pass without making comment to you as my local MP.

I'm sure you are acutely aware of how disgusted the electorate feel as day by day new revelations appear in our newspapers. Sadly there appears to be a huge gulf between what the public is thinking and saying and how some MP's are responding.

In our police stations and courts, on a daily basis, we hear of "mistakes" and "errors" as explanations for clear wrongdoing. The regularity with which these phrases are being trotted out by MP's is only making matters worse. Some of your colleagues appear to be in a state of denial and others appear to be treating the public with contempt.

Unfortunately hard working MP's such as yourself are bound to be tarnished as these stories continue to appear, which is regrettable, and wholly unfair to MP's like you.

It seems to me that there must be drastic action taken to restore the confidence of the public in the Parliamentary process and surely this can only be resolved by a dissolution of Parliament. I accept that this would be difficult for you as you intend to retire at the next election but this issue seems to me to be so serious that only drastic action will do.

To safeguard our political system, those elected members who have been involved in what some are now calling institutional corruption, need to admit their wrongdoing (in my view this is a moral issue, not one of working to or against self-established rules), resign and allow the electorate to have their say.

I would ask that you pass on my comments and serious concerns to your colleagues.

Kind Regards,

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