

Dear Sir

I would like to highlight the following issues & hope they will be brought to the committees attention

#### CAPITAL GAINS ON HOUSES MP's HAVE PURCHASED USING TAXPAYERS MONEY

With the exception of the leader of the Liberal Democrats the other party leaders do not seem to be criticising their MP's or asking them to pay back the capital gains being made & kept on homes which the taxpayer have financed. This is separate from the capital gains tax issue and must be addressed and not swept under the table.

#### MP's PAY & CONDITIONS

Some MP's have demonstrated that they are out of touch with the man on the street. They already have a salary that is 3 times the average wage & over 3.5 times the median salary, taking away their expenses & paying them more in salary to compensate them is not going to improve their image and thus our democracy.

On the other hand all politicians seem to be talking up the role of Parliament & how important it is. "Essential to control the executive" " The sovereign centre of our democracy" etc. If this is the case why are all ministers junior or otherwise paid more than the MP's. The many powers of the executive/government & their effect on democracy must be looked at.

I would appreciate if my submission could be acknowledged.

Regards

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