

Dear committee,

As someone who is shortly to become unemployed due to redundancy, I feel my views should be known to the committee. The current scandal relating to mp's expenses is simply not acceptable in any form and must be changed to reflect what ordinary working people have to endure in the real world.

Whilst working away from my permanent home, I have always had to pay for my own accommodation at the company's operating base; out of my own net income after tax. It is not fair that MP's can claim for any accommodation needs whilst working but I accept that they do incur costs getting to and from London and while at Westminster.

The solution is, in my view, very simple. Pay all MP's a **higher agreed salary** and a **Travel Allowance** based on the distance from their constituency office to Westminster. This would be set at a distance rate thereby allowing members to use airlines, trains, taxi's or their own transport according to their needs.

Any costs incurred whilst in London would have to come out of the higher salary they receive. The only exception to this would be members of the government who would have the use of official residences according to their responsibilities.

This view has been made known to my own local MP, Mr Bill Wiggin, conservative mp for the Leominster Constituency.

I hope my view will be considered in the review.

Yours sincerely,

H Thompson. (UK Taxpayer and aged 56)