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Sir Christopher Kelly  
Chairman  
Committee on Standards in Public Life

Dear Sir Christopher,  
MP's Additional Cost Allowances (ACA's)

My apologies for submitting this past the allowed date.

I have read many of the submissions posted on the website.

I have written to my local MP to find out her view on these matters but with no satisfactory response other than obfuscation and awaiting your report. Sad that our representatives have no opinion on this but have on every other matter.

It is improper of MP's to take advantage of the ACA's to obtain the maximum allowance and to use this to purchase a property with untaxed funds for mortgage interest for a mortgage in excess of £300,000.00. And then to take the capital gain for themselves after at least paying 18% capital gain, if they had not further immorally 'flipped' their designated home! This is theft in my and many other's opinion.

No one in the public service such as myself as a Doctor or my daughter, who is a trainee surgeon in the RAMC, when required to work away from home when training can obtain such financial advantages and support. My daughter will have her rent paid for basic accommodation if she has to work where there is no 'mess'. She has to pay for her food and travel back to her 'home'. All this is paid for if you are an MP and more such as improving your 'second' home thus increasing its worth.

This must change for all these additional untaxed 'perks' are equivalent to in excess of £40-50,000.00 in pay which the rest of us would have to pay tax on.

I am prepared to accept these ACA's so long as the capital gain made after tax paid is paid back into the Treasury where it should go and not the MP's pocket.

This has been 'legalised' corruption for a long time and immoral. We expect more from our MP's as we do from the medical profession which has the GMC to police it. MP's have not had such rigorous oversight.

We all look forward to your report and wish you well in sorting this mess out.

Yours sincerely,

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