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Dear Mr Brown,

**MPs' RESETTLEMENT ALLOWANCES**

Please excuse this intrusion into your busy schedule but I'd like to send my proposal to the Kelly Committee on MPs' Expenses and Allowances through your good offices, in the expectation that your endorsement to my suggestion will add a lot of weight. I'm sure you will be supportive of it.

I understand that under the current rules MPs are entitled to rather generous resettlement allowances when they leave the House of Commons. I can understand the rationale behind this allowance but, surely, this allowance should be restricted to only those sitting MPs who lose their seats at a general election and are, therefore, made redundant unexpectedly overnight. I'm sure you will agree with me that this allowance cannot, and should not, be extended to those MPs who have already declared their intention not to contest their seats at the next general election. They will have had months, and in some cases years, to plan their futures after leaving the House of Commons. I'm thinking in particular of Derek Conway, Andrew Mackay and Julie Kirkbride and others too numerous to mention.

I would greatly appreciate it if your office would kindly forward this letter to Sir Christopher's office for his Committee's consideration. Such a change should be made effective immediately so that the public purse benefits from the savings to be made from this change in rules. I'd also be grateful if your office could acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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