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24 August 2009

Sir Christopher Kelly  
C/o The Secretary  
Committee on Standards in Public Life  
35 Great Smith Street  
London SW1P 3BQ

Dear Sir Christopher,

**Re: Invitation to public to set out views**

Many MP's have lost sense of reality, believing they have a calling to help their constituents and the nation and if they squander taxpayers money in the process then that is a price worth paying for their contribution. It is not.

Unfortunately a career as an MP has attracted the wrong type of people who are in the main, mediocre intellectually, very confident in dealing with the public (as are spivs) with an over inflated view of their worth.

In their constituencies they are the equivalent of social workers and in the main handle queries and concerns from constituents of a very mundane nature. For pay purposes the portion of their time allocated to constituency matters should be based on the rates of social workers.

In the Houses of Parliament their contribution is even less being told by the whips how to vote and most make no significant contribution to the advancement of UK Ltd. It is questionable that in this role they are worth as much as a social worker.

In summary their current salary regime is very generous and so I am totally opposed to an increase in their basic salary.

Their expenses should be claimed in accordance with an Expenses Policy that could be copied for any reputable Private Company in the UK where receipts are required to back up all relevant claims related to the job. And please, stop all this nonsense that we are dealing with "Honourable Members" we are not. They are employees who should be required to conform to rules, policies, procedures and behaviour like all of us who are responsibly employed.

Of those who say I can make more in private business, I say "In the name of God go!"

Yours sincerely,

D Holley (by e-mail)