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31st August, 2009

Sir Christopher Kelly.
Chairman,
The Committee on
Standards in Public Life
The House of Commons,
Westminster.

Dear Sir,

I feel well qualified to write to you about your current enquiry into M.P.'s expenses. For over 5 years I fought with Mr Bercow over his allowances. I was on the Executive of the Buckingham constituency for a number of years and as a result of our M.P.s 'stone-walling', eventually, I resigned my membership of the committee, out of utter frustration.

The Telegraph's enquiry, at last, is doing, on a proper scale, what I had been trying to do at the constituency level.

The headline in the Sunday Telegraph reporting:

The M.P.s saying...."Don't blame us"

is so appallingly hypocritical of them. The M.P.s made the rules and they are now trying to defend the indefensible.

I beg of you Sir, to restore the **Principles of behaviour in public life.** It is a heavy load you carry, but from what I hear of you and your reputation, I am very confident.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

C T. Smart