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*Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority
Steel House, 11 Tothill Street
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Dear Sir,

Re: Consultation on MPs expenses.

I am most grateful to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for giving me the opportunity to put forward my suggestions concerning MPs expenses.

My suggestions are:

1. that all MP's receive a basic salary as at present.
2. In addition all MP's receive a first class rail warrant entitling them to travel by train to any part of the United Kingdom at any time.
3. All MP's to receive an extra £10,000 per year on top of their present basic salary as a contribution towards a five-year lease on a property taken out when they are elected to parliament. MPs might like to amend the law to allow for five-year leases on properties.

My thinking is to concentrate MPs energies on debates on the floor of the house and work in Parliamentary Committees.

As well as reviewing the law on leasehold properties, I suggest further that:

4. MP's might like to amend the libel laws: for instance to make it easier for the press to investigate and publish findings on conflicts of interest. As well as conflicts of interest of MP's, I have in mind MP's relatives who might well be profiting from their 'connections'.

I hope these suggestions are helpful.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Lea