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You have canvassed views on MP's expenses, further to which, I have the following comments.

1. MPs should not be able to profit from claiming for mortgage interest on a second home. Any profit should be the property of the taxpayer. Preferably, accommodation for MPs should be provided by parliament, alleviating the need for MPs to claim for a second home. All expenses associated with running the accommodation provided should be at public expense. This would prevent flipping, claiming for a non-existent mortgage, claiming for a property which was owned by a family member, claiming for a mortgage on an excessively expensive property, and ensure that all MPs were treated the same.
2. Expenses were put in place to allow an MP to properly follow his/her duties as an MP. Duck houses, re-fitting kitchens, 42inch TVs and the myriad other "expenses" which have no bearing on the performance of an MP should be outlawed.
3. As a subsidised restaurant is provided within parliament, what is the point of allowing MPs to claim for meals when the taxpayer is already paying towards the cost of running the restaurant? MPs should not be able to claim for meals.
4. MPs should not be able to employ family members at public expense. All positions paid for by the taxpayer should be properly advertised and the best qualified person should be appointed. The selection should not be at the discretion of the MP alone.
5. Travel expenses should be receipted, or in the case of car travel be paid by the mile.
6. There should be no golden goodbyes. MPs take on the role voluntarily, and know that they may be de-selected. It is up to them to make arrangements following the loss of job, as it is with any member of the public.

Thank you

