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Dear Ian

MPs Pay

I am writing following receipt of your letter dated 2nd June regarding MPs pay and the proposed IPSA led salary increases for MPs. You will no doubt receive many letters voicing concern over the proposals and I would also like to make my position clear.

While I very much appreciate the context within which IPSA was established and the job that you and IPSA have been set up to do, I am of the view that IPSA has wider obligations than simply sorting out appropriate salaries and expenditure for MPs. IPSA has the critical and wider objectives of restoring the trust and confidence of the public in politics and politicians. It is my view that if you proceed with imposing this unwanted pay increase at a time when so many salaries in other sectors of society are being held down it will be most unhelpful. It will seriously compromise the progress that has been made in restoring the trust and confidence of the public in politicians, the political process and democracy in this country.

I do hope that in the light of all the comments made, including my own, you will reconsider the proposals.

With best wishes
Paul

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