

CHRIS READING
CLERK, INDEPENDENT PANEL
ON MEMBERS' PAY AND ALLOWANCES
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29TH DECEMBER, 2008

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

RE. THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS RECEIVE

I AM RESPONDING TO YOUR NOVEMBER LETTER ASKING THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S VIEWS ON ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' SALARIES, EXPENSES AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.

MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT A FAIR SALARY SHOULD BE PAID TO A.M.S AND THEIR ONLY OTHER EXPENSES SHOULD BE STRICTLY FOR TRAVELLING, ACCOMMODATION AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STAFF.

ALL OF THEIR OTHER OUTGOINGS SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY THEMSELVES, OUT OF THEIR SALARIES, AND THEN THERE WOULD, PERHAPS, BE NO FURTHER CONFUSION.

IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TAX PAYERS' HARD EARNED MONEY. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS NEED TO ACT MORE RESPONSIBLY IN THEIR PERSONAL FINANCIAL MATTERS AND THERE SHOULD BE FAR MORE ACCOUNTABILITY IN MONITORING THEIR EXPENSES.

LET'S STOP THIS RUNAWAY GRAY TRAIN, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

YOURS FAITHFULLY



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