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Dear Richard,

**Review of MPs' Pay**

We are contacting you following the Chancellor's announcement regarding public sector pay during his Comprehensive Spending Review yesterday.

The announcement that, once again, pay will be frozen for so many public sector workers, including firefighters, police and teachers, has come as a bitter blow to many. Many of these hard-working public servants have already endured a decade of pay freezes.

Our public sector workers have been instrumental in supporting our communities throughout these dark and difficult months and have been a lifeline to many vulnerable people.

We would like to make it clear that we are extremely disappointed with the Chancellor's decision and have called for all public sector workers to be given the pay rise they deserve.

It is in this context that we feel compelled to write to you regarding the question of MPs' pay rise. The Plaid Cymru group at Westminster are unanimous that it would be unfeeling and inappropriate to accept this money at a time when so many are struggling to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table.

It therefore feels appropriate to ask you, as the Independent Body responsible for setting MPs' Pay, to ensure that the approximately £3,300 pay increase for MPs does not go ahead.

We appreciate that IPSA has worked hard to de-politicise the question of MPs' pay but these are exceptional circumstances.

We hope that you will take this into consideration when you announce your decision next month.

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