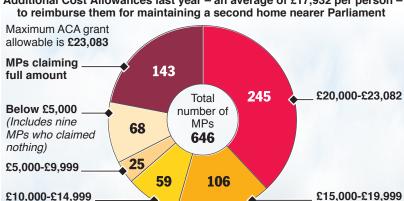
British politicians' second-home expenses

Politicians who lay down the laws of the land claimed £11.58 million in Additional Cost Allowances last year – an average of £17,932 per person – to reimburse them for maintaining a second home nearer Parliament



Main House of Commons salaries and allowances (2007-08)

MP's basic salary £61,820 Communications Allowance £10,400
Staffing allowance £100.205 Winding up Allowance for MPs

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Incidental Expenses Provision £21,339
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Payoff – depending on age and

IT equipment

£3,000

London Supplement (74 MPs)

£21,339

Payoff – depending on age and length of service
£32,383 to £64,766

Final-salary pension for member

Additional Costs Allowance £23,083 with 20 years' service £30,000 a year