Independent Review Panel - Financial Support for Members

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Response from Milford Haven town Council

28th January, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

Review of AM Salaries

Firstly, we question the need for review of such salaries since they are already linked to the salaries of Members of Parliament.

Secondly, our detailed analysis of salary, allowances and pension rights and claims indicates that AMs are generously rewarded including their right to have second homes, and to claim for gas, electricity, water, community tax, land and building maintenance, meals and subsistence costs.

Thirdly, we question why a review is being undertaken at a time when one in ten of the working population is likely to become unemployed as a result of the recession.

Finally, we suggest that Welsh Assembly Government seriously considers building or buying apartments in Cardiff to house AMs. It would give a fillip to the building industry, take tradesmen off the dole queue and win some support from the electorate.

Yours sincerely

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