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RE: High Court Ruling on the Parliamentary Second Home Allowances

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Mon, Jun 9, 2008 at 7:10 PM

To: "WIERONIEY, Alexis" <WIERONIEYA@parliament.uk>

Dear Mr Wills,

Thanks again for your answers to my query as a North Swindon resident.

I am surprised by your comments about the 3 questions on Parliamentary Allowances, I asked Cllr Tomlinson about this so I will refer you to him directly to answer. I believe he will be your replacement in the near future, and it is always better for residents to talk to the person who will have a direct impact on issues. In this case, Cllr Tomlinson as the next MP for North Swindon rather than me who is just a local Councillor.

I am also surprised to hear that resident's have said that they do not wish for me to comment direct to them, or even to meet me to talk about this issue or any other. Please accept this email as a Subject Access Data Request under the Data Protection Act 1998. Please provide me with a copy of all electronic correspondence which includes my name over the last 2 months, and any correspondence that comes under the manual data category of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This amended the DPA to include additional rights to gain access to manual (non-electronic) data stored regardless of filing or record keeping.

I am aware of the FOI exemptions that MP's voted for last year with regard to correspondence with Public Authorities. I appreciate that confidential information and details such as resident names and addresses will be blanked out.

kind regards
Cllr Dale Heenan

On Tue, Jun 3, 2008 at 10:14 AM, WIERONIEY, Alexis <WIERONIEYA@parliament.uk> wrote:

Dear Councillor Heenan

The claims are for a Swindon-based property, as I already owned a London property when I was selected as a Parliamentary candidate.

There were 39,452 letters sent out funded by the Communications Allowance and the costs covered both printing and postage, as I indicated in my previous email.

I intend that the website costs will continue to be covered by the Communications Allowance, although, clearly, I cannot be specific about what future costs will be.

I have already ascertained Councillor Tomlinson's views on Parliamentary allowances. My constituents were interested in your views as an elected councillor and one who clearly takes a keen and detailed interest in this issue. I am afraid they have no wish to meet you as all they want is a direct answer to the questions they asked. I should therefore be grateful if you could let me have your personal views, so that I can pass them on to my

constituents, on the following questions:

1. do you expect my successor as the MP for North Swindon, whoever that may be, to claim the Additional Costs Allowance ?
2. do you expect my successor as the MP for North Swindon, whoever that may be, to maintain my position in the quartile of MPs claiming least from this allowance ?
3. do you expect my successor as the MP for North Swindon, whoever that may be, to claim the Communications Allowance, should it not be abolished as you wish ?

I note your wish to see the Communications Allowance abolished. I should therefore be grateful if you could let me know how MPs should fund communications such as the one I sent out and provided you with a copy. Or do you believe that such invitations should not be sent to constituents ?

Yours sincerely

Michael Wills

MP for North Swindon