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Response from St Arvans Community Council

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Sent: 29 January 2009 18:22 **To:** Independent Review Panel

Subject: Members Pay and Expenses

Sirs,

Reference the Call for Evidence on the above, the following comments represent the views of St Arvans Community Council, Monmouthshire.

The review should be undertaken against the backcloth of the severe recession hitting the Country.

It would seem completely inappropriate for Members to be paid more in salaries and expenses with many people in the Principality losing their jobs, pensioners losing their savings income etc, and almost everyone in the private sector very fearful of the future.

The review therefore should at best recommend that salaries are pegged to inflation, and that serious consideration be given to reducing the burden of expenses.

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