

Pay for MPs, civil servants and other public sector workers

I am writing as a constituent seeking your support against the backdrop of the announcement that MPs will receive a 2.7% consolidated and pensionable pay increase on 1 April 2019.

This is at the same time that my pay has been capped at 1-1.5% by the Treasury.

It does not seem fair that civil servants and other public sector workers' pay is held down in this way. I do not receive separate progression increases and my take home pay has fallen by more than 15% in real terms since 2010.

My union has produced a briefing on this that you can [download from our library](#).

I believe that the civil service (and other public servants covered by the [Treasury's pay remit guidance](#)) has become the poor relation compared to the private sector and other areas of the public sector.

My colleagues and I are not seeking special treatment. We want fairness and for our pay to be determined in a similar way to other public servants, including MPs.

I am proud of the work I do and the contribution I make and I should be rewarded fairly.

I would value your support. Would you sign [early day motion 2143](#) and write to David Lidington, the Minister for the Cabinet Office, to:

- press for a pay review body for those civil servants and other public sector workers currently covered by the government's pay remit guidance
- make the case that any pay review body recommendations are implemented in full, as with MPs' pay
- demand that the government lifts the current 1.5% cap immediately.

I do not begrudge MPs a pay increase that protects their living standards in real terms – but I do hope that you agree that hardworking public servants deserve the same treatment.