

KELLY REPORT CHECK LIST

Are the Kelly Report recommendations tough or weak?

The Sunlight Centre has broken down the potential reforms into four categories and 30 potential reforms to enable journalists to judge the toughness of the proposals. Score the report.

Check list compiled by Juliet Samuel, the author of *Disinfecting Parliament: The Shadow Kelly Report* (Download available at www.sunlight-ops.org.uk/shadowkellyreport)

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She will be available at the One Whitehall Place launch of the report.

	THE RULES <i>ABOLISH OR BAN:</i>	TRANSPARENCY <i>PUBLISH:</i>	SANCTIONS	GOVERNANCE
ESSENTIAL MEASURES	Mortgage interest payments	All receipts	Public note of error or misconduct made in expenses records	Measures to prevent "wife-swapping" or cross-hiring of one another's family
	Resettlement grant and winding-up allowance	Minimal redactions (e.g., full address excepting only second half of postcode)		
	Communications allowance	Details of rejected claims	Requirement to repay wrongly claimed expenses	Abolishing the administrative role of unaccountable quangos and committees
	£25 per day subsistence allowance	Receipts for claiming travel expenses		
	Employment of family	A full, annual, independent audit	Schedule of sanctions for errors or misconduct	Letting the Commissioner for Standards speak to the press
SENSIBLE MEASURES	Accommodation for MPs within an hour of London and excessive size of London supplement	Official MP-Fees Office correspondence	Financial penalties for repeat offences and late repayment	Holding investigations in public
	Repeated yearly expensing of furniture	A searchable expenses database	Automatic disbarment of MPs who falsify claims	TOTAL
	First-class travel	Compulsory disclosure of all meetings with lobbyists to supplement the Register of Interests	Low threshold for voters to trigger recall by-elections for censured MPs	
	Free parliamentary tax advisor and Commons subsidy for alcohol			
IDEAL MEASURES	Pay for Whips	Release of information directly from relevant bodies rather than filtered through committees	TOTAL	/6
	Junior ministerial salaries			
TOTAL	/11	TOTAL	/9	/4

TOTAL SCORE:
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