

ACA REVIEW

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Constituency: **North East Hampshire**

Dear Mr Arbuthnot,

Thank you for the comments and representations about my provisional conclusions which you have supplied to me and which I have now considered. The conclusions about the ACA payments made to you that I now intend to include in my report to the Members' Estimate Committee are as follows:

Mr Arbuthnot was paid £150 for garden compost between June and September 2008, which was not allowable under the Green Book rules.

He was also paid for maintenance works in 2008/09. This included £2,241.85 for the renovation and repair of a summerhouse, which is not a necessity.

He was paid £10,840.38 for gardening in total over the five year period. This exceeds £1,000 per annum by a total of £5,840.38.

He claimed £2,608.10 in 2007/08 and £6,630 in 2008/09 for cleaning. This exceeds £2,000 per annum by a total of £5,238.10.

Total repayment recommended: £13,470.33

Total repayments received since 1 April 2009: £10,106.52

Balance recommended to be repaid: £3,363.81

I currently expect to submit my report to the MEC in mid-December. I will be dealing further in that report with some of the more general points about my approach to the review which have been raised in the correspondence about my provisional findings.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Thomas Legg KCB QC