

# ACA REVIEW

Sir Thomas Legg KCB QC

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Miss Anne Begg MP  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
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Constituency: **Aberdeen South**

Dear Miss Begg,

I am now writing to let you know my conclusion concerning your use of the Additional Costs Allowance (the ACA) during the years 2004-05 to 2008-09.

You will recall that my core remit is to identify ACA payments which should not have been made, and to recommend any repayments which Members should make, subject to allowing them a fair opportunity to make representations about my provisional conclusions.

In your case, having examined the records in the light of my interpretation of the rules and standards in force at the time, I have not identified any payments made to you under the ACA during the review period which I consider call for any repayment or further supporting evidence to be provided by you. Accordingly, my conclusion is that no action is required from you in this matter.

I should add that my findings do not deal with any payments which to my knowledge are under separate investigation by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, by the Police or by HM Revenue and Customs.

I enclose for your information a note explaining my general approach to the interpretation of the ACA rules.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Thomas Legg KCB QC