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Dear Ms Rawe

Thank you for sending the Parliamentary Ombudsman a copy of your letter to Mr Michael Howard QC, Leader of the Conservative Party, of 6 April 2005. (A)


From your letter, it appears that you are asking the Ombudsman to investigate a complaint about Michael Howard, Michael Portillo and the Conservative party. The Parliamentary Ombudsman has no power to do this. The Ombudsman's sole remit is to investigate complaints of maladministration on the part of those central government departments and other public sector bodies which are listed in Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 as within her jurisdiction. Members of Parliament and political parties are not listed in Schedule 2 and are therefore outside the Parliamentary Ombudsman's jurisdiction. I enclose a leaflet which explains what the Parliamentary Ombudsman can and cannot do.

If you wish to pursue your complaint, I can only suggest contacting Sir Philip Mawer, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, although whether he will be able to help you, I cannot say. Sir Philip can be contacted at:

House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

I am sorry I cannot be of more help

Yours sincerely


Gerard Carroll (Mr)
Initial Consideration Officer

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(A) Ridiculous!

When I write a
letter of complaint
I address my letter
to the person I am
complaining to -
I don't cc them on
a letter!
And they know that!!



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