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Dear 

Please find below a further email from our constituency office landlord containing further detail.

Looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Nick

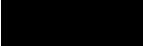
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Sent: 25 February 2020 15:21

To: BROWN, Nick <nick.brown.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: Re: Nick Brown MP re: Office Costs Budget Overspend

Can you please forward this email on in respect of this: -

Dear 

Mr Browns Office has passed your email onto me in respect of requesting an overpayment of £10,058.12 for which I am querying this amount and would appreciate your response to the following:  
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In previous years, we have received an annual amount of rent in January every year for which had been set as £8,247.08. My understanding was that as received in January was for the calendar year. So on 31 January 2019 we received a payment from IPSA for

**£8,427.08, can you please advise on what period this payment represents, which is either 2019 or 1 April 19 - 31 March 20?**

The [REDACTED] relocated from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] on 22 November 2019 for which Mr Browns Office relocated with us, so they have not changed landlords. However, the Office space in which they now occupy is larger and a new Tenancy agreement was recently signed with the new annual amount of £9,660.00, £1,412.92 more than the original one of £8,247.08.

So I understand your calculation of £5,433.85 which is the amount of days from April 1 2019 to 22 November 2019 at a daily rate of £23.02, but then from the 22 November 2019, I have calculated that the daily rate then increased to £26.39 (being £9,660/366 days).

You have stated IPSA have paid £15,491.97 worth of rent since 1 April 2019, for which I do not understand. You paid £8,247.08 in January 2019 (which either represent the period 1 Jan 19 - 31 Dec 19 or 1 April 19 - 31 March 20. This year we have received £8,247.08 on 3 February 2020 and then another payment of our new rent amount of £9,660 on 10 February 2020.

I need to understand the period payments represent to fully understand but I can not see how we would need to repay any more than the £8,247.08 which you recently paid earlier in the month, as in reality the rent has increased from 22 November 2019.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** BROWN, Nick <nick.brown.mp@parliament.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 February 2020 13:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Nick Brown MP re: Office Costs Budget Overspend

Hi [REDACTED]

After chasing this up with IPSA I have received the following email which I have included at the bottom of this email for your information.

IPSA state that they are owed £10,058.12. However, they do say "We understand that your landlord may calculate the rent overpayment differently. If this is the case, please contact us and we can help resolve any discrepancy".

I will bring to their attention the email you sent confirming the amount to be paid back to IPSA.

You will also find in the email below their bank details to send the money too when the amount has been confirmed.

Hopefully this will resolve any discrepancies.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
Dear Mr Brown,

**Action required: rent repayment due to IPSA**

I am writing to you about overpayments IPSA made for rent at your constituency office from which you moved on 22/11/2019. During routine quality assurance work, we noticed that IPSA paid rent for a period after you left the property. This means that your landlord owes you £10,058.12 for overpaid rent, which you must then repay to IPSA.

Please note that any deposit loan for the property must also be repaid to IPSA within 30 days of leaving the property.

We have summarised the repayment calculation below.

Property	Lease Expiry Date	Amount owed to IPSA
[REDACTED]	10/01/2020	Rent to be repaid: £10,058.12

Please note that overpayments of rent are calculated by dividing the cost of your annual rent (£8,427.08) for 2019/20 by the number of days in the year (366 due to it being a leap year). This gives a daily rent calculation (£23.02) which is multiplied by the number of days for which we paid the rent after you left the property.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, you had been in the property for 236 days. This means your landlord was due  $236 * £23.02 = £5,433.85$ . Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, IPSA had paid £15,491.97 worth of rent against the property. This gives a difference, or overpayment, of £10,058.12.

I would note that we received your property amendment form cancelling the direct payments on 11/02/2020, which was some months after you had left the property. As such, we had released a payment to your landlord on 05/02/2020 for £8,427.08.

We understand that your landlord may calculate the rent overpayment differently. If this is the case, please contact us and we can help resolve any discrepancy.

In order to resolve the issue, please could you:

contact your landlord to recover the rent overpayment from them. The lease is between the MP and landlord, so IPSA cannot contact your landlord on your behalf.

action the credit note on IPSA Online by selecting the blue button 'direct repayment' to show that you will repay the money to IPSA complete and send to IPSA the repayment form [found here](#)

If you prefer, you can ask your landlord to reimburse the overpayment directly to IPSA. You still need to complete a repayments form. Please use the reference 'rent overpayment' and include the first line of your previous address.

Please find our bank details below:

Account

[REDACTED]

Sort Code

[REDACTED]

If you have any questions about this, please contact us on 020 7811 6400 or [info@theipsa.org.uk](mailto:info@theipsa.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Account Manager

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 February 2020 10:52

To: BROWN, Nick <[nick.brown.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nick.brown.mp@parliament.uk)>; IPSA Info <[Info@theipsa.org.uk](mailto:Info@theipsa.org.uk)>

Subject: Re: Nick Brown MP re: Office Costs Budget Overspend

Dear IPSA,

[REDACTED] received a bacs transfer from IPSA on 3 February 2020 for £8,247.08 and on 10 February 2020 for £9,660.00.

The payment of £8,247.08 needs to be refunded back to IPSA.

Can you please advise of bank details in order to refund.

Thanks  
Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** BROWN, Nick <nick.brown.mp@parliament.uk>  
**Sent:** 21 February 2020 10:46  
**To:** IPSA Info <Info@theipsa.org.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Nick Brown MP re: Office Costs Budget Overspend

For the urgent attention of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Dear [REDACTED]

I am following up on the phone call you had this morning with my Office Manager.

From looking on my IPSA online account at my 'Account Details' for my 'Office Costs Budget' I can see that IPSA have paid the landlord for my constituency office (GMB Northern) too much.

As far as I am aware the total rent that should have been paid to [REDACTED] is £9,660 (the cost of the rent on the new tenancy agreement).

I have copied [REDACTED] into this email who I think it would be beneficial for you to talk with directly to clear up the confusion about how much they need to refund in order to sort this issue.

I would be grateful if this could be sorted as soon as possible.











With best wishes,

Nick











**Rt Hon Nick Brown MP**  
**Member of Parliament for Newcastle upon Tyne East**

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