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**Subject:** RE: Q&As

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Q: When can an MP claim a dependant uplift for their accommodation?

At the moment, we say a dependant has to be 'routinely resident'. This has been criticised for being vague, and has been hard to regulate – so this requirement has been remove. We have increased the uplift for MPs who need to provide accommodation for a dependant to £5,435 to reflect the average difference between a 1-bed and 2-bed flat in Westminster and Lambeth. MPs may claim up to three uplifts.

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