

18 November 2021

I am pleased to announce that Richard Lloyd has been appointed as the permanent Chair of IPSA for a five year term running until 31 August 2026. Richard joined our Board in December 2018 and brings a wealth of experience from the finance and consumer rights sectors.

This year we published our [Corporate plan for 2021-24](#). Our vision is to enable MPs to focus on what really matters by providing an exemplary, seamless regulatory service. We will do this by focusing on four key objectives; improving our customer service, simplifying our policy, delivering financial value and growing our people.

Last time I wrote to you we had recently launched our new public website and I hope that you are finding it easy to navigate to find the information you need. As well as information about [MPs staffing and business costs](#), you can find our [responses to Freedom of Information Requests](#), [responses to Parliamentary questions](#) and information about [who we are](#), [what we do](#) and [how we operate](#). As part of our commitment to providing great customer service, we now have team members based across the UK to ensure that we are truly reflective of the people we serve.

Following the murder of Sir David Amess, and in light of the increased security threat to MPs, we are reviewing the information we publish, including data on travel and constituency surgery venue hire, to ensure that it does not create a risk to MPs. We postponed the publication of expenditure information due this month and temporarily removed descriptive detail from previously published claims on our website while the review is carried out. We expect the next publication date to be Thursday 20 January 2022.

This newsletter contains information on the following:

- [Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21](#)
- [Consultation: Mechanism for updating MPs' salaries](#)
- [IPSA articles](#)
- [MP Staffing and Business Costs](#)

With best wishes

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**Annual Report and
Accounts for 2020-21**

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Each year we produce an Annual Report and Accounts for both the funding we provide to MPs and our own operational costs.

The Annual Report and Accounts are presented to, or 'laid before', Parliament before being published.

You can read the full report and accounts [here](#).

Consultation: Mechanism for updating MPs' salaries

In September we published our report following a consultation on the mechanism for making periodic changes to MPs' salaries.

In doing so we reviewed and confirmed the principles that guide our decisions in relation to MPs' pay in order to ensure fairness to both MPs and taxpayers.

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Having considered the responses, we have decided to go ahead with the proposed temporary, bounded discretion.

You can read the full report [here](#).

IPSA Articles

This year we have started publishing articles on our website to explain a bit more about what we do and how and why we do it. In case you missed them, you can find the articles below.



What do MPs spend public money on?

This article explains the budgets available to MPs to carry out their parliamentary duties.

You can read the article [here](#).



MPs don't decide their own pay, we do.

One of the myths about MPs pay is that they decide this themselves. Since 2009 it has been set independently by IPSA. Read about how we do this [here](#).



Do MPs follow the rules on business costs?

Another myth regarding MPs expenses is that they don't follow the rules. Our data shows that they do.

Read more about it [here](#).



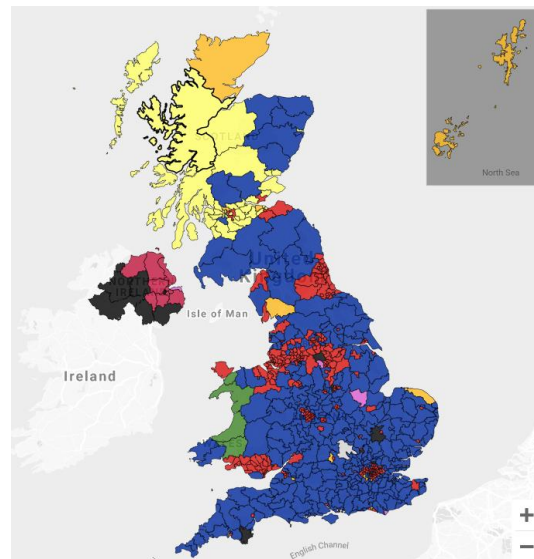
What measures are in place to safeguard public money?

We were set up to assure that public that their money is being well spent. You can find out about the safeguards in place to do this [here](#).

MP Staffing and Business Costs

Since we were created in 2010, we have published data on MP spending every 2 months so that everyone can see how MPs spend public money.

You can access the data on IPSA's website [here](#). You can view MPs data using the interactive map or by searching for an MP by name.



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