

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



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Request summary:	Background research relating to IPSA's review of MPs' pay and pensions
Exemptions applied:	Section 40

Request:

*I see that IPSA has announced the Pay for Committee Chairs (May 2016).
I would like to understand it better by referring to your earlier IPSA publication of the relevant evidence.*

Please link me to, or send me, your document which describes the background factual information on committee chairs:

*"Review of MPs' Pay and Pensions: Salary Indexation and Committee Chairs", 24 August 2012.
It is referred to in Chapter 8 (Committee Chairs) of your October 2012 Consultation (at note 95 on page 59), and also in the Data Annex 3 (at note 135 on page 105).*

Response:

Responsibility for reviewing and determining MPs' pay was transferred to IPSA in 2011 under the terms of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. MPs' pay is now determined by IPSA independently of Government and Parliament; MPs no longer vote on their pay. You can find out more about MPs' pay since 2010 on our website, which includes all consultation documents and reports, and further information that was used to inform the review:

<http://parliamentarystandards.org.uk/payandpensions>.

As part of IPSA's review of MPs' pay and pensions which was undertaken between 2011 and 2015, DLA Piper were asked to undertake an analysis of two aspects of pay: salary indexation and committee chairs' pay. The report they provided to IPSA, dated 24 August 2012, was used to inform IPSA's review of MPs' pay and the review of pay for Committee Chairs and was cited in IPSA's consultation in October 2012.

Please find attached a copy of that report.

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