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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 06 July 2018 15:15
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Hello [Redacted]

Thanks again for meeting with me this morning. I promised to send you the details for our payroll team, which are below:
020 7811 6400 (option 2)
payroll@theipsa.org.uk

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 July 2018 17:54
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

I can come down and get you the other side of security.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 July 2018 17:54
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

1 parliament Street entrance?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 July 2018 17:19
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

How about 10:30? Where shall I meet you? (I don't have a pass unfortunately.)

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 July 2018 17:13
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Apologies.

I have something at 11:30 and 3pm. But free apart from that. In Parliament would be easier for me if possible.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 04 July 2018 17:15

To:

Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Hi

Thanks for getting back to me. I'm pretty free Friday except between 12 and about 2:30, so happy to meet you then. Is there a time that would work for you?

I can come over to the House but don't have a pass, so would need to meet you in a public area to be escorted – or alternatively, happy to host you here at IPSA. Let me know what you prefer.

Kind regards

From:

Sent: 04 July 2018 15:30

To:

Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Friday?

From:

Sent: 07 June 2018 12:51

To:

Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Hi

Thanks for this. It would be useful to just have a chat in person if you're able to. Could you send over some dates when you're available over the next couple of weeks?

Many thanks

From:

Sent: 06 June 2018 18:55

To:

Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Thanks,

I am happy to explain in person but if it helps:

We don't as a research group do political campaigning. The MPs separately are politicians.

We have two bank accounts. One IPSA and one not.

The non IPSA one pays for occasional functions, MPs' breakfasts, drinks etc.

That's it really.

There have been a deluge of FOI requests from well-funded and motivated campaign groups, I am sure you have seen them. [redacted]

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 06 June 2018 16:02
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Hi [redacted]

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner; I'm just back from a few days' leave. Essentially the basis of the concerns raised with us is the assertion that IPSA funding is being used to support pro-Brexit campaigning activity. As confirmed in the last assurance review, our position is that IPSA funding is used to pay for the research and briefing materials produced by the ERG; and what MPs then do with that information is not within IPSA's remit to regulate. I think I'm correct in saying that the ERG has other sources of funding, which presumably can be used for campaigning/party political activity if you so choose. That said, I would be grateful for a further conversation with you about how this separation is maintained. We clearly have a responsibility to seek assurance that IPSA funds are used in accordance with the Scheme.

I think it would be good to have a chat in person about some of these things. Could you let me know when you're available over the next couple of weeks?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 31 May 2018 12:53
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Thank you for your email. I am happy to meet, may I first ask what the "some of the things that have been raised with us" are?

[redacted]

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 May 2018 09:48
To: [redacted]
Subject: arranging a meeting about the ERG

Dear [redacted]

Hope you are well.

Last autumn I contacted you after some media coverage about the ERG and concerns that have been raised with us, and you very helpfully sent over a load of sample briefings that you had produced for subscribing MPs in the previous few months. You'll remember we conducted another mini-review of these and were satisfied on the whole that they were parliamentary and not party political in nature. At the time you offered to meet to discuss the work of the ERG in more detail. We are still now receiving media enquiries, requests for information via the FOI process and complaints from members of the public who have concerns about the ERG, and this has increased in recent months.

Our position has not changed but I think it would be useful to meet to discuss some of the things that have been raised with us. Would sometime during w/c 11 June work? I'm happy to come to you, or equally I can book a room here at IPSA.

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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