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Thank you for your recent Freedom on Information (FOI) Act request, a response to which is attached. This letter provides important additional context and should be read in conjunction with the disclosure.

In the correspondence you will note that IPSA refers to the accommodation as 'AirBnB'. This is inaccurate. This shorthand was adopted by IPSA to reflect that Ms Crosbie MP's requirement, on this occasion, was for a shorthold tenancy of a shorter duration than might normally be the case.

For the avoidance of doubt, the claim has been through our validation processes and is entirely legitimate, within *The Scheme for MPs' Staffing and Business Costs*, and simply reflecting her personal and family needs at that time. The accommodation was **NOT** identified or let through the AirBnB platform and any representation to the contrary would be extremely misleading and entirely unfair.

I hope this helps to put the disclosed information into context. I am sorry that our internal shorthand provides an inaccurate picture when disclosed after the event and I have taken steps to ensure that this does not happen again.

Yours sincerely

Ian Todd

Chief Executive