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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 September 2017 15:49
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: ERG: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Thanks.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 September 2017 12:17
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: ERG: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks again for your assistance in sending over the recent ERG briefing materials.

We have examined them and have concluded that they are on the whole factual and informative and not party political. Therefore we are content that ERG services continue to be generally compliant with IPSA's Scheme of MPs' Business Costs and Expenses.

However I would like to draw your attention to one briefing which does contain party-political language. The briefing titled 'ERG: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill' is strongly critical of the Labour party's position: E.g. *'Labour's decision to vote against it is irresponsible, a breach of trust with their voters and a vote to create chaos.'*

The Scheme states that activities for which MPs use IPSA funding must not be party political ('for or at the behest of a political party'). This includes anything that advocates for or against a party. Party political briefings are not eligible for IPSA funding. Admittedly there is sometimes a grey area between the parliamentary and party political, but in the case mentioned above it is clear. We would ask that you avoid using similar language in the future.

Kind regards

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Thanks,

Happy to come over and talk you through what we do at some point if it would help, but during recess things are quieter.

Kind regards

From:

Sent: 13 September 2017 14:10

To:

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Hi

Thanks very much for these. I will get back to you shortly if we need anything further.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: 13 September 2017 12:57

To:

Subject: FW: ERG: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

I will send you some notes in a series of emails:
