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Today we published the annual data of MPs' staffing and business costs for the 2020-21 financial year. Business costs are the essential costs incurred by MPs while carrying out their parliamentary duties including staffing, office costs and travel. MPs cannot claim for personal costs, such as food and drink, during their normal working day. Claims must be compliant with our rules and accompanied by evidence

This year's data also includes the additional funding provided to MPs to enable them and their staff to support constituents during the pandemic. MPs and their staff reported a huge increase in the volume and complexity of casework over the past two years and the covid budgets enabled them to provide support during this difficult time.

Further details on how to review annual publication data can be found [here](#).

We're pleased to announce that we now have a new Board member, Lea Paterson, who has a background at the Bank of England, most recently as Executive Director of People and Culture. You can find out more about her career at the Bank of England [here](#).

This newsletter contains information on the following:

- [MP staffing and business costs 2021-22](#)
- [IPSA staff locations](#)
- [IPSA articles](#)

With best wishes

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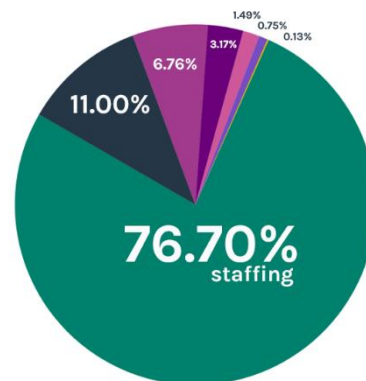
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MPs' Staffing and Business Costs

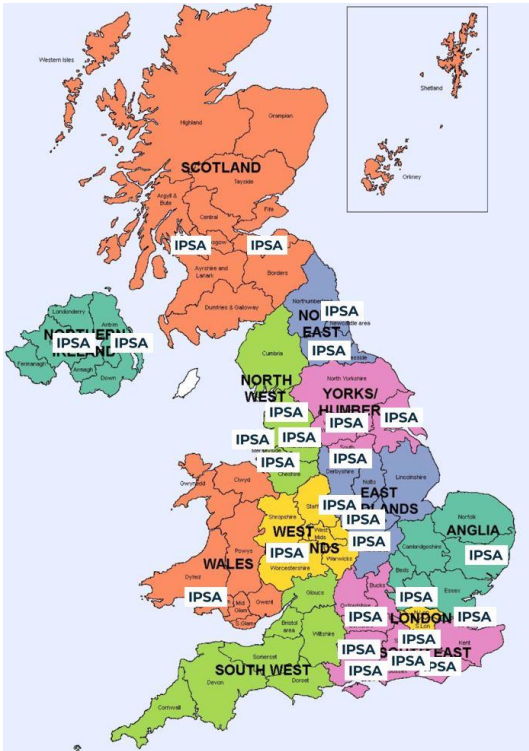
Each year we publish data on MPs' total staffing and business costs for the previous financial year. You can view the data on our [website](#).

The vast majority – **76%** - of MPs' business costs are for staff members to help them respond to requests from constituents, resolve issues and represent their needs in Parliament.

Our data tells us that claims made by MPs are **99.7%** compliant with our rules



IPSA Locations



MPs represent constituents across the UK and we are now proud to be represented in each of the nations of the UK also. During the pandemic, we moved to hybrid working and have welcomed colleagues from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and across England.

The new national design has enabled us to offer job opportunities to people throughout the UK and provide a better service to MPs and their staff.

IPSA Articles

We publish regular articles on our website to explain what we do and address some common misconceptions about MPs pay and business costs. You can read the latest articles below.



Everything you need to know about annual publication

Read about this year's annual publication and how to review the data [here](#).



Our story since the last General Election

Learn about our work since the last general election and our vision for the future.

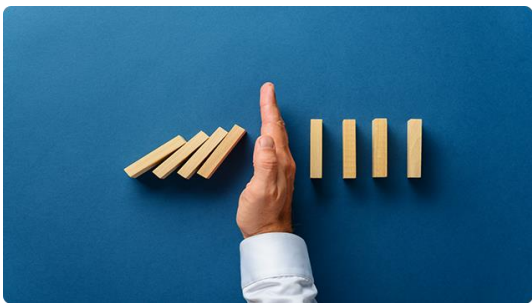
You can read the article [here](#).



Why does MPs' spending vary so much?

Find out why MPs have different budgets and don't all incur the same costs.

Read about how we do this [here](#).



What powers does IPSA have?

Learn the powers we use to support MPs and ensure public money is well spent.

Read more about it [here](#).

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