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Business Costs and Expenses Publication

IPSA's next publication of MPs' business costs and expenses is on Thursday 13 September 2018. This will cover April and May 2018. Data is available for MPs' and staff to check via the IPSA Online homepage, in advance of publication.

IPSA Online Training in Swansea

The last in the current series of regional training events for IPSA Online takes place in Swansea on Wednesday 12 September. To book onto a session or find out more, follow this link.

Over 300 MPs' and staff have attended briefings this summer and feedback on the new system has been very positive. We are keen to know what further support you might like to help you make the most of the new system. Answer some quick questions on our training survey here.

Childcare Voucher Scheme

The government has extended the deadline for new entrants to participate in the existing childcare voucher scheme. If you would like to take part in the current programme, please fill in our Childcare Voucher Form available on our website and the IPSA Online Homepage and send it to payroll@theipsa.org.uk

Please visit this site if you would like assistance on which scheme you should consider based on your personal circumstances. Please let IPSA know by Friday 14 September 2018 if you would like to take part.

Cycle2Work Scheme

The new cycling scheme for MPs and MPs' staff has been running for several months. The scheme is in partnership with Halfords and bikes can be bought directly through them and other agreed places as detailed on their <u>website</u>.

Under this arrangement, IPSA can buy bikes and lease them to MPs and MPs' staff to cycle to work. IPSA recoups the cost though employee salary sacrifice (a monthly deduction from gross salary). Employees make savings on their tax contributions; 32% for standard rate tax payers and 42% for higher rate tax payers.

If you want to take part, please fill out an online form using the code: IPSAC2W

Phone Line Closure and Site Maintenance

IPSA's phone lines will be closed tomorrow, Friday 7 September, for staff training.

IPSA's Homepage will be unavailable from 02.00 on Sunday 9 September for one hour due to scheduled site maintenance.