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Annual Publication

IPSA today published figures for business costs and expenses incurred by MPs in the 2016-17 financial year. Spending by individual MPs can be seen on the IPSA website. The overall figures show:

Total spend on all budgets - £109.9 million This included: Office Costs - £11.5m Staffing - £84.7m Accommodation - £7.7m Travel & Subsistence - £5.3m Other - £60k

The overall spend does not include the amount spent on MPs' Security and Disability Assistance. For 2016-17 these are £141k for disability assistance and £2.5m for security assistance. These figures are published separately as these costs are not attributed to individual MPs.

Also published today, our routine bi-monthly publication of MPs' costs and expenses for all claims processed in June and July 2017. You can view MPs' claims on the <u>Your MP</u> section of our website.

Annual Assurance

IPSA regularly reports on a variety of issues in order to provide greater assurance about MP's expenditure. Last year we published reports about the 2015 General Election and connected parties. Today, IPSA published an annual assurance review and the following assurance reports:

- Assurance Review: Travel and subsistence
- Assurance Review: Surveys and gifts
- Assurance Review: Pooled services
- Assurance Review: The EU Referendum

Our assurance work shows there is a high degree of compliance with rules by MPs. You can view all these reports <u>by clicking here.</u>

Annual Report and Accounts

In the summer, IPSA publishes an annual report and accounts. Due to the June 2017 election, the publication of this year's Annual Report and Account was delayed until today. You will be able to view the annual report and accounts here, after it is formally laid in Parliament.

Annual Survey

Since 2012, IPSA has carried out an Annual User Survey of MPs, which is intended to capture a range of opinions and feedback, allowing IPSA to have a better understanding of the needs of our users. MPs' staff, who are also regular users of our systems, are also invited to take part. The feedback is used to help improve our services. The 2017 survey is now live and <u>can be completed here</u>.

Digital Payslips

As we reported in the last Bulletin, we will be introducing IPSA Online in December. This will give you a direct way to access IPSA's systems, using your Parliamentary log-in details. In early 2018, IPSA Online will also provide a direct link to your payslips, which means you can access your pay information wherever you are, in the constituency or Westminster. This will make it even more important to hold your log-in details securely, and never share them with anyone else. If you would like advice on how to share information, such as your mailbox, calendar etc, securely without sharing your log-in details, please contact the Parliamentary Digital Service on 020 7219 2001 or digitalsupportdesk@parliament.uk.

MPs can nominate a proxy from their office staff who can take the lead for them on IPSA claims, and they can be given access to all relevant IPSA systems, using an auditable process, which doesn't compromise security or your personal information. To find out more about how to set up a proxy, call the MPs' Support Desk on 020 7811 6400 or email <u>info@theipsa.org.uk</u>.

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