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Budgets for 2018/19

Budgets for 2018/19 and staff salary pay ranges have now been confirmed, following a meeting of the Speaker's Committee for IPSA yesterday. You can see budgets here and staff salary pay ranges here. An updated version of 'The Scheme of MPs' Business Costs and Expenses' will be available in print at the end of March. The current version can be seen here.

MP security

IPSA takes the security of MPs, their families and their staff very seriously. A range of security measures recommended by the police and funded by IPSA is available. Chubb Fire and Security Ltd carry out security assessments of all MPs' homes, rented accommodation and constituency office and will be able to install the security measures. If you haven't already done so, you should contact the Members' Security Support Service to arrange an assessment. If you have specific security concerns you should contact the Parliamentary Security Department on 020 7219 2244. Details of any security claims made by MPs are not published.

December pay consultation

Last week we launched a consultation for MPs and MPs' staff about salary payments in December. A number of people have contacted us to say they would like to be paid before Christmas, rather than on the last working day of the month, as has usually been the case.

We have presented a number of options about how an earlier payment date could work, and would welcome comments from all of those with an interest. The consultation closes on

27 April 2018. To respond to the consultation, <u>please click here</u>. You can also send in written responses to <u>consultation@theipsa.org.uk</u>.

Payroll and year-end reminder

With the end of the financial year now just two weeks away, our year-end guidance is available on our website here. Please consider staffing budgets, in particular, at this time.

The year-end process is vital for ensuring that costs are allocated to the correct financial year. It is the MP's responsibility to ensure this is followed appropriately. Failure to do so could risk overspending on budgets. Please contact us if you would like further advice or assistance on completing the year-end form.

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