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Bulletin: News and Updates from IPSA



20 January 2022

Today we published figures for all business costs incurred by MPs in the 2020-21 financial year. You can view the 2020-21 annual publication data, as well as data from previous years, <u>here.</u>

This week's bulletin contains information on:

- Annual publication for 2020-2021
- Payroll: sending documents

Information you should still be aware of includes:

- Regional Teams
- IPSA Checklist
- Training and Development
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Annual Publication for 2020-2021

We have today published figures for business costs incurred by MPs for their parliamentary duties in the 2020-21 financial year. You can access this information on our <u>website</u>.

Our Chair, Richard Lloyd, said:

"As the independent regulator that oversees spending by MPs, we can confirm today that compliance with our rules remained very high during the Covid pandemic.

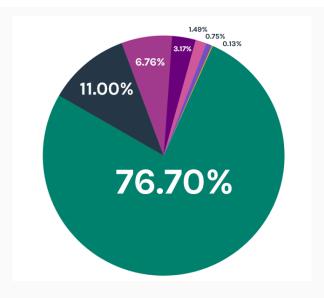
"By far the largest area of spending is to pay for the salaries of MPs' staff. These are people who work long hours to help constituents, often dealing with very difficult issues. In the last financial year MPs and their staff changed how they work to provide their constituents with a service during the pandemic. This is reflected in some of the spending details we have published today.

"We enabled MPs' staff to work from home, while the amount spent on parliamentary business travel fell to reflect different working patterns. Overall spending on staffing was higher as the budget was increased to better support constituents when casework increased to record levels.

"Security spending has also increased in the last year, and could increase further this year following the tragic murder of an MP in October 2021. Keeping MPs, their families, and their staff safe is absolutely vital for our democracy."

This year, based on feedback, we have changed the way we publish a small number of items. Instead of publishing individual reward and recognition payments, the data instead provides a total amount paid by each MP during 2020-21. Additionally, information about staff absence costs for each MP now appears under 'Other Payment Data', along with other types of costs that are funded centrally.

We have also written an online article to accompany annual publication. You can find the article <u>here.</u>



Budget type	Amount	Overall %
Staffing	£105,793,882	76.70%
Office	£15,176,224	11.00%
Accommodation	£9,317,205	6.76%
Security	£4,368,983	3.17%
Travel and Subsistence	£2,053,849	1.49%
Other	£1,037,272	0.75%
Disability	£176,200	0.13%
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Payroll - Sending Documents

As our staff continue to work from home, please keep in mind that all payroll documents must be sent to us via email. Please send all payroll forms to payroll@theipsa.org.uk.

Now that we are approaching the end of the tax year, we would also like to remind you that we no longer generate P11Ds.

Since April 2019, all taxable expenditure is put through the monthly payroll and taxed at the source.

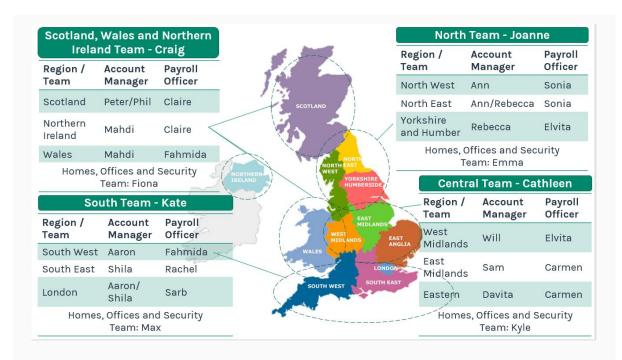


If you would like to see further details on your taxable expenditure, you can check your payslip in 'My Information and Payslips' on IPSA Online by clicking the blue paperclip on the top right hand side.

Information you should still be aware of...

Regional Teams

We now have dedicated Payroll Officers as well as Account Managers for each region. Please check the map below to see your named Payroll Officer and Account Manager. You can see a larger version of the map here.



To contact your Payroll Officer or Account Manager, please visit our <u>call booking page</u>. You can also email <u>payroll@theipsa.org.uk</u> or <u>info@theipsa.org.uk</u>.

The IPSA Checklist

We have created a useful checklist of tasks that should be completed on a weekly, monthly, bi-monthly and yearly basis.

You can view the list online or download the printable version. We hope this will help you keep on top of everything IPSA so that you can spend more time focussing on what really matters.



Training and Development

We currently have a programme of training sessions on a range of subjects. These explain our rules, demonstrate processes and answer other questions you may have. Our current programme of sessions includes:

- An introduction to IPSA Online
- Drop-in training for IPSA Online
- Managing your business costs: claims and budgeting
- Managing your properties: The IPSA Property Lifecycle
- Monies owed webinar
- Returned claims webinar
- Staffing budget webinar
- Publication webinar

Click here for more details and to register

Contact Us

Call the support team: You can call us directly on **020 7811 6400**. Your call will be answered by a member of the team, not necessarily your Account Manager or Payroll Officer, who will try to resolve your issue or will forward to a member of the team.

Book a call: to speak to your dedicated Account Manager or Payroll Officer using the <u>call booking system</u>. They will contact you at the allocated time. You can find information about your IPSA team on our <u>Contact us</u> page.

Website: check the MP and MPs' staff website for general queries.

Email: email <u>info@theipsa.org.uk</u> or <u>payroll@theipsa.org.uk</u> with queries for your dedicated Account Manager or Payroll Officer. Your email will be directed to your team and someone will get back to you. Our aim is to get back to you within 5 working days but we'll reply sooner if we can.