

MP Staff User Group

We are always keen to improve how we work and how we administer the MPs' expenses scheme. To help us do that, we would like to set up an MP staff user group so we can hear directly from you about issues you would like to raise. Specifically, we would like input on:

- proposed changes to the online expenses system
- communicating more effectively with MPs and their staff
- piloting of system and administrative changes

We are keen to hear from staff working for MPs from all parties and from both constituency and Westminster based staff. We anticipate the group would meet around three times a year and we will reimburse reasonable travel expenses to attend these meetings. Feedback may also be asked for by email between meetings.

If you are interested in joining the group or would like to find out more, please email info@parliamentarystandards.org.uk by Friday 10 August.

Your budgets for 2012/13

We are pleased to confirm that the Speaker's committee for IPSA has approved our estimate for 2012/13. This, in turn, means we can confirm your budgets including your increased staffing budgets.

Resubmitting 2011-12 claims

The deadline for submitting claims for the 2011-12 financial year has now passed. However, if you have any 2011-12 forms which have been returned to you, you can still resubmit them, but only up until Friday 27th July. We will not be able to grant any further extensions beyond this deadline. As these forms are now older than 90 days you will need to call or e-mail us before you can submit the form with the correct transaction date.

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