

This Parliamentary session promises to be busy and so we thought it might be useful if we flagged up some of our activities over the next few months and update you on the timings for our upcoming consultations.

## Publication

As you know, we will be publishing the annualised business costs and expenses for the financial year 2011/12 on Thursday 6 September. At the same time we will also publish a routine cycle of business costs and expenses processed in April and May 2012.

## Consultation on MPs' pay and pensions

In October, we will follow up our initial work on the review of MPs' pay and pensions with the release of a public consultation. This will be an initial consultation on the issues and will inform our next steps. As you know, we expect to announce the outcome of our review of MPs' remuneration next summer.

## System updates

In October, we will also be introducing some changes to help give you more choice in how you claim and to make the process as easy as possible.

## Annual review of the Scheme

We will be conducting our annual review of the Business Costs and Expenses Scheme in November. We anticipate this review being relatively light touch as we believe the Scheme is working well. Of course, this review will include a public consultation and, as part of that, we will be seeking your thoughts and ideas on the Scheme.

## MP survey on IPSA

Just before the summer we asked all MPs to complete a survey on IPSA. We have received the results of the survey and are currently working through the findings. We will release the full results in the coming weeks.

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