

IPSA Reviews in 2013

As you are aware, as well as the current review of pay and pensions, IPSA is committed to undertaking a series of thematic reviews of the *MP's Scheme of Business Costs and Expenses* and IPSA's own policies. As such, the IPSA Board has decided that IPSA will shortly begin a review into accommodation expenses, and into IPSA's publication policy.

In particular, these two reviews will:

- look at residential accommodation support, and what options are most appropriate for the future; as well as examining office rent and whether there are any particular risks to be managed when MPs rent offices from Party associations; and
- fundamentally review what, when, how and why IPSA publishes information to ensure the appropriate balance between transparent reporting and privacy of personal information is maintained.

As always, we will seek the views of MPs and staff as we consult on how best to enable MPs to execute their responsibilities and deliver value-for-money to the taxpayer in a transparent fashion.

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