

Recall of Parliament

As Parliament has been recalled tomorrow, we thought it would be useful to let you know the travel rules in these circumstances:

IPSA will, in the event of a recall of Parliament during Recess, settle claims for any reasonable travel by an MP and his or her spouse/partner or dependants to Westminster or an MP's London Area residence. This includes international travel back to the UK and may include return travel to the foreign location, up to a maximum of £3,750 per MP.

If you do need to make a claim such as this, when completing the claim form please use the temporary 'Recall' journey types which we have made available for this purpose. MPs will be expected to purchase standard class tickets unless they have no alternative.

MPs' salaries

MPs' salaries have now increased by 1 percent to £66,396 for 2013-2014, following IPSA's determination published in January 2013. A copy of that determination is attached for your reference. The additional salaries paid to relevant Select Committee Chairs and members of the Panel of Chairs have also increased accordingly. MPs' pension contributions remain at the same level while we complete our comprehensive review of MPs' pay and pensions.

MPs' Scheme of Business Costs and Expenses

Just a reminder that the Fifth Edition of the Scheme is now in effect for 2013-2014. If you haven't already done so, you can pick up copies from the Vote Office and the Members' Centre, and it is also available for download from the [IPSA website](http://www.parliamentarystandards.org.uk). The online system has now been updated to reflect the Scheme changes.

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Annex A: Determination of MPs' Salaries, January 2013

On 8 January 2013, the IPSA Board determined (within the meaning of s4A of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, as amended) to increase MPs' salaries with effect from 1 April 2013 and 1 April 2014. The increase will be equal to one percent of the previous salary in each year, rounded to the next whole pound.

This determination was made following the consultation required by s4A of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 and is published on the IPSA website www.parliamentarystandards.org.uk. The necessary supporting statement is included within the document "Reviewing MPs' Pay and Pensions: A First Report", which is also published on the IPSA website.

The increase will apply to both the base salary (paid to all eligible MPs) and additional payments made to Select Committee Chairs and Members of the Panel of Chairs. The specific posts attracting these additional payments are to be specified in a resolution of the House of Commons.

The salaries currently payable and payable from 1 April this year and next are set out in the table below.

	Current	April 2013	April 2014
Basic Pay	£65,738	£66,396	£67,060
<i>Additional Pay</i>			
Chair of a Select Committee	£14,582	£14,728	£14,876
Member of the Panel of Chairs	£2910	£2940	£2970
Less than one year			
Member of the Panel of Chairs	£8166	£8248	£8331
1-3 years			
Member of the Panel of Chairs	£11,082	£11,193	£11,305
3-5 years			
Member of the Panel of Chairs	£14,582	£14,728	£14,876
5 years or more			