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Tax and security

We have been working closely with HMRC regarding any tax implications for security measures for MPs. HMRC has determined that security measures on MPs' homes do not meet the strict conditions for tax relief under HMRC rules, so all MPs will need to comply with this.

To make sure that MPs are not compromising on the security they need, IPSA will pay the relevant tax on their behalf. We are happy to liaise with MPs on specific issues, such as what's included on P11Ds or relating to potential tax relief.

MPs should continue to apply for security they need and we will process these claims within 10 days.

Your feedback on IPSA

We will launch a new system to submit your expenses, manage your budgets and your staff in April 2017 that will be more modern and easier to use.

It will provide you with accurate data, including access to near real-time information about your budgets and claims.

To make sure that the new system works for you and your staff, we will gather your feedback and, prior to implementation, we will provide full training for everyone who needs it.

Over the coming weeks, we may take the opportunity over the phone to ask you in more detail for your feedback on certain areas of our current systems and our new proposals. If you would like to be involved further then please let us know by emailing info@theipsa.org.uk

Publication

As part of our regular publication cycle, on Thursday 8 September we will publish the expense claims of all MPs for the months of April and May 2016. These will be available for the public to view on our website: <http://www.parliamentary-standards.org.uk/> . Our publication of all annual data will take place on 17 November this year, rather than in September as we are developing a new website.

IPSA contracts

We have extended the deadline to 30 September 2016 for any staff not on an IPSA contract to transfer over to one. We would strongly encourage any MPs whose staff are affected by this to get in touch with us to discuss this further at the earliest opportunity.

MPs' staff pension forum

Legal and General who administer the [MPs' staff pension scheme](#) is holding their Annual Members Forum 2016 on Monday 5 September 2016. Please note that this is only for MPs' staff as they are in the scheme. If you would like to attend or find out more you can email mastertrust_trustees@lgim.com.

You can find out further information on the event here:
<http://www.legalandgeneral.com/workplacebenefitsResp/mastertrust/news-events/2015/amf.html>

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