

10 May 2018

Dear Member of Parliament,

Consultations on MPs' remuneration and IPSA's publication policy

Today we are launching two public consultations. One concerns MPs' remuneration, including their salary, loss-of-office payments and pensions; the other concerns IPSA's publication policy.

The current arrangements for MPs' pay have been in place since 2015. Each year we now adjust MPs' salaries, and the additional salary paid to Committee Chairs, in line with changes to average earnings in the public sector. We propose not to change our approach. As IPSA is bound by statute to review MPs' pay in the first year of a Parliament, we are consulting on whether these arrangements remain appropriate.

We are also consulting on changes to the loss-of-office payments made to MPs who leave Parliament. We reduced the level of these payments at both the 2015 and 2017 General Elections, and it now stands at twice the statutory redundancy sum to which all workers are entitled. But, as we ask former MPs to work for up to two months after they leave Parliament in order to wind up their financial affairs, we propose to give defeated MPs, and those who stand down at elections held before the end of the full fixed-term Parliament, an additional amount, equal to two months' net salary, in lieu of a salary for this work.

We are also consulting on technical changes to MPs' pensions, based on feedback from MPs and the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund Trustees. These include a proposal to provide an enhanced lump sum payment to MPs' beneficiaries in the event that an MP is killed in the line of duty.

The consultation on IPSA's publication policy proposes that we amend our policy to reflect the fact we no longer publish the names of landlords of MPs' accommodation, for security reasons. We also suggest amending our policy so that the cost of all items purchased by MPs

through direct suppliers are also published, alongside the claims made directly by MPs and their staff.

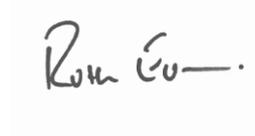
Both consultations are available to view on our website:

www.theipsa.org.uk/publications/consultations

The consultations run from 10 May to 15 June 2018. We welcome your views. You can respond by email to consultation@theipsa.org.uk, or via online surveys, which can be found by visiting our website at the link above. You can also respond by post to: IPSA, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4DU.

Please be aware that we may publish full or partial responses, but we are able to withhold your name if you explicitly request anonymity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Ruth Evans