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Members' pay and expenses: introduction

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority ([IPSA](#)) is responsible for determining and paying Members' salaries; for preparing and regularly reviewing and revising a scheme under which allowances are paid; and for paying those allowances.

IPSA was established by the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, in the wake of the MPs' expenses scandal. Initially to determine and pay expenses and to pay MPs' salaries. It was subsequently given responsibility for determining MPs' salaries.¹

- Since the 2010 General Election, responsibility for devising a scheme for and paying Members' expenses has rested with IPSA.
- Since May 2011, IPSA has been responsible for determining Members' pay.

Before the establishment of IPSA, the House of Commons had determined MPs' pay and expenses (allowances).

¹ Part 3 of the [Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010](#) (chapter 25) amended the [Parliamentary Standards Act 2009](#) (chapter 13)

2 Library Briefing Papers on Members' pay and expenses since 2001

When the House of Commons was responsible for determining MP's pay and allowances, the Library regularly prepared briefings for debates on these issues.

Since the establishment of IPSA, the Library has reported the main changes (year by year) in the IPSA's MPs' expenses scheme; the budgets for expenses; and MPs' salaries.

Developments since 2001 are reported in the following briefings.

- [Parliamentary Pay and Allowances: The Current Rates](#), RP 01/43, 3 April 2001
- [Parliamentary pay, allowances and pensions: the reviews of 2001](#), RP 01/86, 8 November 2001
- [Parliamentary pay and allowances: current rates](#), RP 01/87, 8 November 2001
- [Members' office costs: the new system](#), RP 01/88, 8 November 2001
- [Parliamentary pay and allowances](#), RP 03/64, 16 July 2003
- [Parliamentary pay and allowances](#), RP 04/40, 18 May 2004
- [Parliamentary pay and allowances](#), RP 05/42, 9 June 2005
- [Parliamentary pay and allowances](#), RP 06/47, 9 October 2006
- [Parliamentary pay, allowances and pensions](#), RP 08/31, 31 March 2008
- [Members' pay and the independent review process](#), RP 09/29, 31 March 2009
- [Members' allowances](#), RP 09/60 25 June 2009
- [Members' pay and expenses – current rates and a review of developments since 2009](#), RP 12/29, 22 May 2012
- [Members' pay and expenses – current rates from 1 April 2013](#), RP 13/33, 31 May 2013
- [Members' pay and expenses 2015/16](#), CBP07546, 31 March 2016
- [Members' pay and expenses and ministerial salaries 2016/17](#), CBP07762, 10 November 2016
- [Members' pay and expenses and ministerial salaries 2017/18](#), CBP08276, 29 March 2018
- [Members' pay and expenses and ministerial salaries 2018/19](#), CBP08535, 27 March 2019

[Members' pay and expenses and ministerial salaries 2019/20](#), CBP08839, 2
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[Members' pay and expenses and ministerial salaries 2020/21](#), CBP09148, 25
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