

EXPLANATORY NOTES

PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS ACT 2009

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Outline of the current system of MPs' allowances

Recent and ongoing developments concerning MPs' allowances

Outline of the current system of salaries for MPs

Outline of the current mechanisms for regulating standards in the House of Commons including the registration of MPs' financial interests

SUMMARY

Salaries and allowances for MPs

MPs' code of conduct relating to financial interests

Investigation and enforcement

The appointment of the IPSA

The appointment of the Commissioner

The Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

Expiry of provisions of the Act

TERRITORIAL EXTENT

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Bill of Rights

Section 2: House of Lords

Section 3: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority etc

Schedule 1: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

PART 1: MEMBERS OF THE IPSA

PART 2: THE IPSA

These notes refer to the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (c.13)

Schedule 2: Commissioner for Parliamentary Investigations

Schedule 3: Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

Sections 4-7: Salaries and allowances for MPs

Section 8: MPs' code of conduct relating to financial interests

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COMMENCEMENT DATES

HANSARD REFERENCES