
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 which make amendments to provisions of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 about the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (“the IPSA”) and its functions. All the provisions brought into force by this Order come into force on 27th July 2010.

The commenced provisions—

- provide for publication by the IPSA of information about claims made under the MPs’ allowances scheme (section 28(4));
- provide for the way in which the IPSA deals with claims under the MPs’ allowances scheme and for review of the IPSA’s determination of such claims (section 31(1) to (5));
- provide for the powers of investigation of the Compliance Officer, and the procedures for the exercise of those powers (section 33);
- provide for the enforcement powers of the Compliance Officer (section 34 and Schedule 4);
- make provision about the relationship of the IPSA and Compliance Officer with other bodies and persons (section 35); and
- make consequential amendments (section 38 and Schedule 5, partially).

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.