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Dear Richard,

MPs' Pay and Pensions

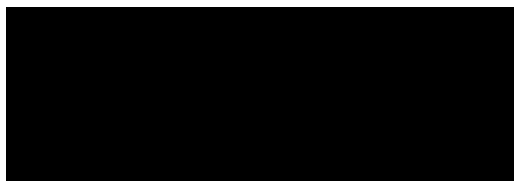
I have noted the consultation from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) on MPs' pay and pensions that closed on 6 November.

In advance of making the determination for the first year of this Parliament, IPSA will wish to be aware that, given the current fiscal position, the Chancellor has today set out a pay restraint policy for the public sector with a very limited number of exceptions. This will be extended to include a freeze on pay for Ministers.

IPSA may wish to consider the public acceptability of a potentially significant pay rise for Members of Parliament taking effect next year when, due to the exceptional impact of COVID-19, salaries both within and outside the public sector are likely to be subject to major restraint.

The Prime Minister, the Chancellor and I believe that Members of Parliament from across all parties would understand if IPSA proposed a similar level of restraint for 2021/22 to that being announced for public sector workers (outside the NHS) who earn more than £24,000.

With every good wish,



**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
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