



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Richard Lloyd
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Dear Richard Lloyd,

Re: MPs' pay rise

Dear Richard Lloyd,

I am writing to you regarding the recent proposed pay rise for MPs of 4% or £3,360.

I fully recognise that IPSA is an independent body and has full responsibility for setting member's pay.

I understand IPSA's pay mechanism, tying of MP's pay rises to an ONS index of average public sector earnings – specifically the KAC9 index.

However, I do strongly feel that in the current climate that IPSA should take another look at this and freeze MPs' pay for this year. These are exceptional times where many people in the country continue to make huge sacrifices and it does not feel right that at a time many people are facing economic hardship MPs are receiving more reward.

I think these decisions should take into consideration context as much as formula and would ask that you consider this and not give the uplift this year and to review in regards to context going forward.

I do hope I have made my opposition to this clear and my dismay that I can not personally refuse this.

Yours sincerely

Olivia Blake MP