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From: Jonty Olliff-Cooper (Progressive Conservatism Project, Demos) [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2009 14:15
To: [REDACTED] Max Wind-Cowie
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email. Demos did a number of pieces of work on the expenses scandal including Resuscitating Democracy and a deliberative event with IPSOS Mori.

<http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/resuscitating-democracy>; <http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/a-citizens-charter-for-reform>.

I will speak to colleagues here and get back to you.

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From: Hello Mailbox [mailto:hello@demos.co.uk]
Sent: 16 October 2009 11:09
To: Jonty Olliff-Cooper; Max Wind-Cowie
Subject: Fwd: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Hi Jonty and Max

I took this call from [REDACTED] at IPSA this morning who is keen to get Demos involved in work on MPs allowances. Is this something for the PCP?

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ipsa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ipsa.gsi.gov.uk)>
Date: 2009/10/16
Subject: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar
To: hello@demos.co.uk

Dear Demos,

I am working in the programme team that is tasked with setting up the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority. As you will know, IPSA is the Authority that Parliament set up in July to, amongst other things, provide a new allowances scheme for MPs. We are currently researching and starting to design the new organisation and

processes for administering MPs expenses. We want to listen to as many interested bodies as possible at the beginning of this process to help us in shaping IPSA and the new allowances scheme from the start.

As part of this, I am looking to set up an initial seminar, and later an advisory panel, for key interested bodies to discuss the topical issues regarding expenses and also generate ideas on how IPSA could carry out its functions. We hope to hold this seminar shortly so we can capture various suggestions in this early design stage and to discuss the current topical issues.

The initial seminar will take place in the last week of October, on either the 26th or 28th (which I appreciate is not much notice). I envisage the initial seminar being a meet-and-greet session and having a roundtable discussion on the expenses issue more widely rather than getting into specific detail of a new scheme.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether Demos would be interested in taking part in this? I am currently awaiting confirmation on dates so I will have to get back to you on the specifics. As we are working to a tight deadline on this, it would be really helpful if you could let me know if you are interested by the end of today if possible.

More than happy to discuss if helpful.

Many Thanks,

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

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