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Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for calling yesterday – I can confirm that we would be more than willing to take part in the proposed seminar and the subsequent advisory panel. Our Chief Executive, Matthew Elliott, has also said he'd be happy to meet Mr McDonald.

If you could keep me posted on dates for the seminar that would be great. In the meantime if you could provide a few dates and times for the Chief Execs to meet each other then I can put them to Matthew's PA for confirmation.

Best,
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Mark,

Further to our conversation yesterday, below is a bit of background to what we are proposing.

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.

Ideally, we would want the initial seminar to take place at the end of October (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 the Taxpayers' Alliance would be interested in taking part in this? I am currently awaiting confirmation on a venue and date for the initial seminar so I will have to get back to you on the specifics.

I also briefly mentioned that our interim Chief Executive, Andrew McDonald, would be keen to have an introductory meeting with your Chief Executive. Can you please advise whether this is possible?

More than happy to discuss further if helpful.

Many Thanks,
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