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From: Meg Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2009 16:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Robert Hazell
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority Panel - Invitation & Agenda

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your message and attachments. However I think realistically I can't make time to be at this meeting. As I might have mentioned before I'm working as a specialist adviser to the Select Committee on Reform of the House of Commons, which is entering its crucial phase with a deadline to report in just three weeks, and that is taking up a lot of my time. As if that wasn't enough, I am due to deliver some work to the House of Lords Appointments Commission in mid-November. I'm finding it almost impossible as it is to find time to do my "real" job of being an academic!

This is not to say that there might not be scope for us to work together in the future, when things are a little more calm. But for the moment I'm afraid it's a no. I hope you will therefore be able to pass my apologies on to Andrew.

Best wishes

Meg.

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@ipsa.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 21 October 2009 16:34
To: Meg Russell
Subject: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority Panel - Invitation & Agenda

Dear Meg,

Please find attached an invitation and agenda to Monday's meeting. I appreciate that you may be busy and this is late notice but if possible, your attendance would be very much appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority
[REDACTED]

From: Meg Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2009 14:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

I could in theory make the 26th but not the 28th. However I would advise you not to arrange this around my availability, as I am behind on so many things that I cannot guarantee I would be able to come. Just let me know what you decide.

Best wishes

Meg.

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@ipsa.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 October 2009 13:09
To: Meg Russell; Robert Hazell
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Meg,

Thank you for your interest. We do now have a provisional date for the initial seminar - 28th October 10am-12pm. However, if a number of invitees cannot attend this date we have an option on 26th October 10am-12pm. Are you able to make either of these?

Thanks,

From: Meg Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 October 2009 15:14
To: [REDACTED] 'Robert Hazell'
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Dear [REDACTED]

I am interested, but unfortunately there are so many interesting things going on at the moment that my diary is pretty full up. This particular aspect of parliament and parliamentary reform isn't really my specialism in any case, so if I had a role that would be fairly passive. I suggest you just go ahead and organise your event, etc, and then let me know if there are things you would like me to attend and I will see whether I can manage it.

Best wishes

Meg.

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Thurs 22 October at 1pm

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@ipsa.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 October 2009 14:45
To: Robert Hazell
Cc: Meg Russell; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Robert,

Thanks - I was going to approach the Hansard Society so will make sure I speak to Ruth.

Meg - I would be grateful if you could let me know if you would be interested in this and if it is possible from a diary perspective?

Thanks,

From: Robert Hazell [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 October 2009 12:30
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Meg Russell'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

[REDACTED]

I am away from 17 to 27 Oct, and will be pretty busy (and jet lagged) immediately after my return
So I'm afraid my involvement must be minimal. I am copying to my colleague Meg Russell, who is the Unit's leading expert on Parliament and party reform, in case she has more time
If we cannot help, I suggest you try the Hansard Society: approach Dr Ruth Fox, director of their Parl and Govt programme

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@ipsa.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 October 2009 12:00

To: r.hazell [REDACTED]
Subject: Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority seminar

Dear Robert,

I have just had a quick chat with your colleague [REDACTED] who suggested I dropped you an email.

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.

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 Constitution Unit would be interested in taking part in this? I am also currently looking for an organisation to host the initial seminar but, on this, [REDACTED] did mention you have a busy schedule coming up.

More than happy to discuss if helpful.

Many Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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