

# Compliance Officer for IPSA

## Investigation Closure Report

Ms Nadine Dorries MP  
Member of Parliament for Mid Bedfordshire  
(CO2012-A021)

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On 25 July 2013, the Compliance Officer for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority published a Statement of Provisional Findings regarding his investigation into expense claims made by Nadine Dorries MP. The claims were submitted under the Third and Fourth Editions of the *MPS' Scheme of Business Costs and Expenses* ('the Scheme') and related to Accommodation Expenditure and Travel and Subsistence Expenditure. The Compliance Officer also sent a copy of the Statement of Provisional Findings to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

The Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (as amended) stipulates that the MP and the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority will be given the opportunity to make representations to the Compliance Officer regarding the Statement of Provisional Findings. The Second Edition of the Procedures for Investigations of the Compliance Officer for IPSA state that the MP and the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority shall be given 15 working days in which to make such representations, unless otherwise specified by the Compliance Officer.

Following a request made by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority the Compliance Officer agreed to an extension to the timescale for both parties to submit any representations.

Sir Ian Kennedy, The Chair of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, wrote to the Compliance Officer on 5 September 2013 stating that IPSA had no representations to make in respect of the Statement of Provisional Findings. The correspondence was forwarded to Ms Dorries.

On 20 September, the Compliance Officer received confirmation from Ms Dorries that she had no representations to make in respect of the Statement of Provisional Findings.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority has confirmed receipt of £3,000.72 from Ms Dorries: a repayment in full of the amount claimed by Ms Dorries found by the Compliance Officer to be outside the Scheme.

No further action is required by Ms Dorries or the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

In accordance with section 9(8) of the Parliamentary Standards Act (as amended) and paragraph 29 of the Procedures for Investigation of the Compliance Officer for IPSA, the Compliance Officer has concluded that as no further representations have been forthcoming and the monies have been repaid, the investigation has been satisfactorily concluded.

It is therefore not a legislative or procedural requirement to publish a formal Statement of Findings under section 9(5) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (as amended).

This investigation is now closed.

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Peter Davis  
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25 September 2013