



## Investigation Closure Report

Mr Robert Blackman MP  
Member of Parliament for Harrow East  
(C1415-011)

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On 4 March 2015, the Compliance Officer for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) published a Statement of Findings regarding his investigation into expense claims made by Robert Blackman MP. The claims were submitted under the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Editions of the *MPs' Scheme of Business Costs and Expenses* ('the Scheme') and related to Travel Expenditure.

The Statement of Findings concluded that Mr Blackman had submitted 734 claims that were either inaccurate or not allowable under the Scheme and he was instructed to repay £1,006.20.

The Compliance Officer wrote to Mr Blackman on 25 February 2015 and stipulated that a repayment in full should be received by IPSA within 10 working days of the receipt of his correspondence.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority has confirmed receipt of £1,006.20. A repayment in full of the amount claimed by Mr Blackman found by the Compliance Officer to be outside the Scheme.

In a note submitted with the remittance Mr Blackman continued to reject the conclusions contained in the report.

No further action is required by Mr Blackman or the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

As the requirements of Section 9 of the Parliamentary Standards Act (as amended) and the Procedures for Investigation of the Compliance Officer for IPSA have been met in full, this investigation is now closed.

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Peter Davis

Compliance Officer for IPSA

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