



Investigation Closure Report

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This Closure Report is issued pursuant to paragraph 26 of the Procedures for Investigations by the Compliance Officer for IPSA ('the Procedure').

On 6th February 2020, following receipt of complaints from two members of the public in September 2019, the Compliance Officer opened an investigation into claims submitted by Mr Liam Byrne MP. The scope of the investigation was to consider¹:

- Office Costs in respect of website hosting costs made in the financial year 2019/2020.

Following the investigation, the Compliance Officer found that Mr Byrne was required to reimburse IPSA the total sum of £2.00 in respect of domain name costs for his website www.liambyrne.co.uk.

As a result of the investigation, the Compliance Officer issued a Statement of Provisional Findings to Mr Byrne and IPSA.

Both IPSA and Mr Byrne were invited to make representations on the Statement of Provisional Findings in accordance with paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Procedure. Neither party elected to make representations and both accepted the findings of the Compliance Officer.

Under section 9(5)-(8) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 ('the Act'), the Compliance Officer must prepare a Statement of Findings, unless the member accepts a provisional finding that the member was paid an amount under the MPs' allowances scheme that should not have been allowed and the member agrees to repay to the IPSA, in such manner and within such period as the Compliance Officer considers reasonable, such amount as the Compliance Officer considers reasonable (and makes the repayment accordingly) .

On 22nd July 2020, Mr Byrne repaid the sum of £2.00.

As the above criteria have been met, the Compliance Officer has not issued a Statement of Findings.

No further action is required by Mr Byrne or IPSA and the investigation is now closed.

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¹[Notice of Investigation](#)