

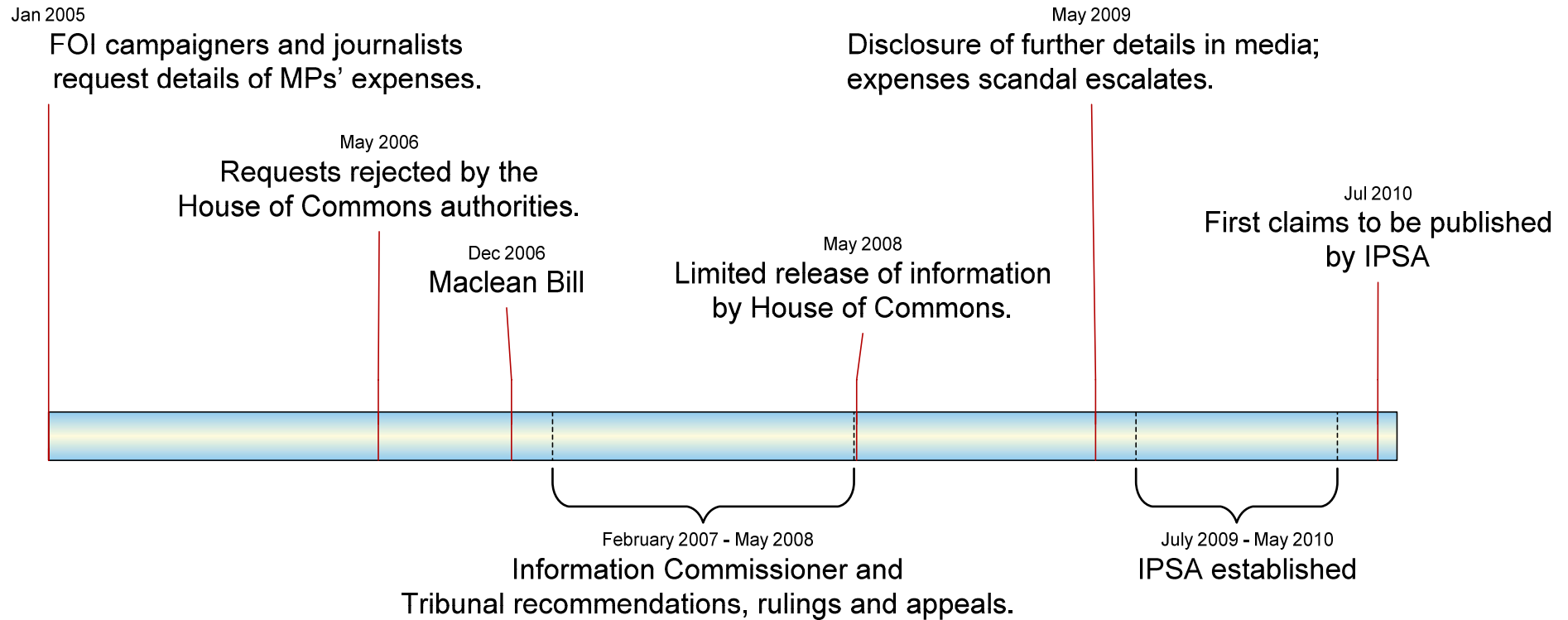
**Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority**

# Transparency & publication

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# Timeline



# Establishment of IPSA



## **June 2009**

Parliamentary Standards Bill taken through Parliament

## **July 2009**

Parliamentary Standards Act gains Royal Assent

## **April 2010**

Constitutional Reform and Governance Act gains Royal Assent

## **May 2010**

IPSA becomes operational – first salaries paid, first claims received

# Consultation on publication

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## Who, how and when?

- Statutory consultees, other parties with a known interest, public.
- From 16 June to 7 July.

## What

- Publication scheme
- Our proposals on how we intend to treat specific pieces of information.

## Four key areas

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- **Staff salaries**
- **MPs' journeys**
- **MPs' addresses**
- **Security and disability**

*We propose to publish salaries for all staff in ranges of £5000. In addition to this, we propose to publish precise salaries for ‘connected parties’.*

- Extra safeguard for ‘connected parties’
- The public should be able to satisfy themselves that an MP is not paying any staff member above the market rate for a job, and that they are obtaining value for money in employing their staff.

*We propose to publish the date, the origin and destination of MPs' journeys. We will not publish the time the journey was undertaken.*

- Balance between protecting security of MP, and reassuring the public that journeys were necessary.
- Not publish time journey was taken.
- Subject to security override

*We propose to publish only the first half of the postcode of MPs' addresses.*

- Past evidence of abuse
- Balance between protecting MPs' security, and personal information, and providing enough information to demonstrate that the accommodation is either in London, or the constituency.



***We propose to publish only the amounts claimed under these budgets for Parliament as a whole, and not to publish any details relating to individual MPs.***

- Balance between protecting security and privacy of MPs, and the public knowing how much money is spent.

# Publication scheme

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## Based on Information Commissioner model scheme

## Developed with support from Information Commissioner's office

- Who we are and what we do
- What we spend and how we spend it
- What our priorities are and how we are doing
- How we make decisions
- Our policies and procedures
- Lists and registers
- The services we offer.

# How to respond

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## **Writing**

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