

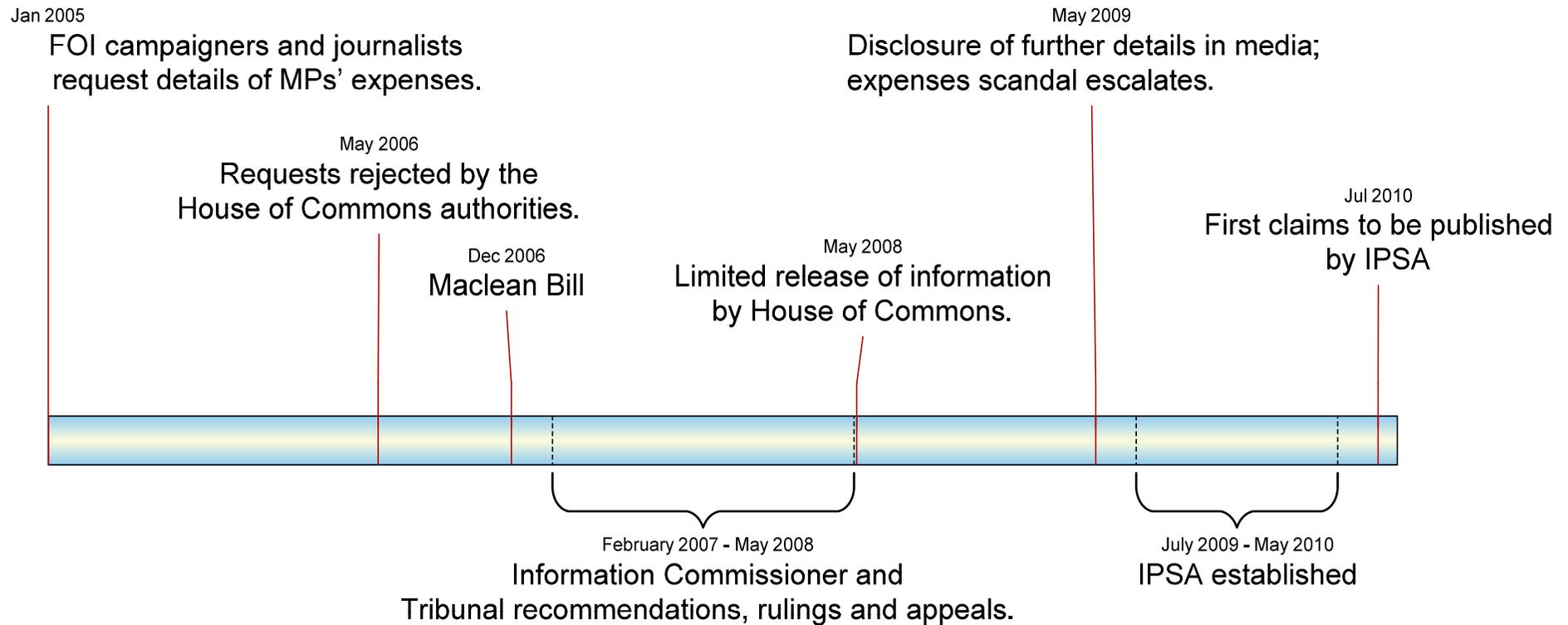
Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority

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

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

- **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



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



Writing

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