SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE IPSA

FORMAL MINUTES FOR 2024

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024

The Speaker's Committee agreed by correspondence IPSA's request for a Supplementary Estimate for 2023/24 for a transfer of expenditure of £273k from IPSA's resource budget to its capital budget. The Committee, having regard to advice from the Treasury of 19 January 2024, decided that it was is satisfied that the estimate was consistent with the efficient and cost-effective discharge by the IPSA of its functions.

FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 5 MARCH 2024

Committee Room 6

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair)	
Peter Blausten	Lucy Powell
Marion Fellows	Sir Desmond Swayne
Theresa Middleton	Sir Charles Walker
Penny Mordaunt	Heather Wheeler

In private

1. **Introductions and declarations of interests**

A copy of Lucy Powell's entry from the Register of Members' Financial Interests was circulated. Ms Powell did not declare any interests in addition to those listed.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the meetings on 8 November 2023.

Sir Desmond Swayne asked about the use of addresses by Members for digital imprints when publishing material online. It was noted that this was an issue that the Clerk of the Journals was currently discussing with the Electoral Commission.

3. Consideration of Treasury advice on IPSA's Main Estimate for 2024/25

The Committee considered the letter from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury of 1 March 2024 providing advice on the Main Estimate.

4. Private briefing and discussion of lines of questioning for evidence session with IPSA witnesses

The Committee was briefed on and discussed lines of questioning for the public evidence session with IPSA.

In public

5. Oral evidence: IPSA's Main Estimate 2024/25 and Corporate Plan.

Richard Lloyd OBE, Chair, and Ian Todd, Chief Executive, IPSA, gave oral evidence.

In private

6. Consideration of IPSA's Main Estimate for 2024/25

The Committee considered IPSA's Main Estimate for 2024/25. Having had regard to HM Treasury's advice, the Committee agreed that IPSA's Main Estimate for 2024/25 was consistent with the efficient and cost-effective discharge by the IPSA of its functions, and agreed to lay it before the House of Commons unmodified.

The Committee agreed to publish IPSA's Main Estimates Explanatory Memorandum and the letter from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on the Main Estimate, dated 1 March 2024.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

[The Committee adjourned

FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 27 NOVEMBER 2024

THE SPEAKER'S STUDY

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair)	
Peter Blausten	Gordon McKee
Alberto Costa	Theresa Middleton
Tina Fahm	Charlotte Nicholls
Marie Goldman	Jesse Norman
Leigh Ingham	Lucy Powell

In private

1. Declaration of interests

Parliamentary members declared their interests as listed in the Register of Members' Financial Interests on 21 November 2024.

The lay members also declared their interests as noted in the annex.

2. Committee spokesperson

The Committee noted that Mr Speaker had asked Charlotte Nicholls to be the Committee's spokesperson.

3. Minutes of meetings

The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2024.

4. Correspondence from IPSA

The Committee took note of a letter from the Chair of IPSA to Mr Speaker, dated 14 November 2024, regarding IPSA's estimates.

5. IPSA briefing - introductions and update

Richard Lloyd OBE, Chair, and Ian Todd, Chief Executive, IPSA, gave a briefing on (i) IPSA's support to Members at the General Election and (ii) IPSA's expenditure.

6. Any other business

None.

[The Committee adjourned

Annex: Lay Members' declaration of interests as of 22 November 2024

Peter Blausten:

Nil

Tina Fahm:

Director, Fahm & Co Ltd

Member, Standards of Conduct Committee, Royal Economics Society

Member, Institute of Directors

Member, The Britain-Nigeria Educational Trust

Associate, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Justice of the Peace on the Supplemental List (Ministry of Justice)

Theresa Middleton:

Directorship of a small family company which has no relevance to SCIPSA or IPSA's interests.