

House of Commons: 2006 Freedom of Information Request Log

No.	Subject	Response	Response date
1	Does Parliament have a formulated policy on how to deal with paedophiles in government?	The House does not have a particular procedure for dealing with such allegations.	16/01/06
2	a) How much has a named MP claimed back on his council tax? b) Where did he declare as his main residence?	a) Disclosure not consistent with data protection principles. b) Hansard reference provided. [Partial s40]	31/01/06
3	Availability of information about individual MPs' mileage claims.	Disclosure not consistent with the data protection principles. [Full s40]	09/01/06
4	9 questions relating to MPs' pensions	Information provided in full.	31/01/06
5	Access to European Scrutiny Committee file on Social Exclusion. (HC/CL/EU/2/142/14395)	Several documents declassified from 'closed' to 'open', others subject to parliamentary privilege. [Partial s34]	10/02/06
6	Information relating to police investigations or allegations of paedophilia against MPs.	Information not held.	01/02/06
7	Information about staff employed by a named MP. Details of any of his publicly funded property.	Disclosure not consistent with the data protection principles. [Full s40]	31/01/06
8	4 questions relating to a named MP's early retirement and his pension.	Disclosure not consistent with the data protection principles. [Full s40]	09/02/06
9	Details of meetings between Standards Commissioner & a named MP & copies of correspondence re: a complaint.	Information held, but investigations are covered by parliamentary privilege. [Full s34]	18/01/06
10	Details of current investigations by the Standards Commissioner into MPs and research assistants.	Policy provided. Investigations covered by privilege. Other information either not held or published. [Partial s34, s21]	19/01/06
11	Did the ACA submitted by a named MP between 97-04 include a claim for council tax on a particular residence?	Disclosure not consistent with the data protection principles. [Full s40]	13/02/06
12	Full responses to 9 FOI requests listed in F05/0193.	Information provided in full, though personal data redacted.	14/02/06
13	Dates and values of contracts with a contractor and whether another organisation enquired about their work.	Details of contract provided. No enquiry has been received from other organisation. [Info provided in full]	31/01/06
14	Are travel warrants available to civil or unmarried partners of MPs?	Warrants are available to couples with a formal bond under the Civil Partnership Act. [Info provided in full]	19/01/06
15	The cost of ODPM Committee enquiry into regional assemblies. Cost of 'Yes' campaign for North-East Referendum.	Information not held, but statistical expenditure provided. Applicant directed to ODPM.	08/02/06
16	Access to archived Speakers Office file on Ecclesiastical Committee. (HC/SO/2/368)	'Closed' file reclassified as 'open'. [Information provided in full]	03/02/06
17	7 questions relating to printing contracts and spending on postage.	Information provided in full.	23/02/06
18	How much MPs claimed for rail and air in 03/04 and 04/05. Amounts claimed by 10 highest claimers.	Information provided in full.	31/01/06
19	Current HoC bar prices for 8 alcoholic beverages.	Information provided in full.	08/02/06
20	Names of top 10 claimants for motor mileage, air, and rail travel expenses.	Disclosure not consistent with the data protection principles. [Full s40]	02/03/06

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21	Have illegal narcotics ever been discovered in the HoC?	No record of illegal narcotics having been found in the HoC is held.	01/03/06
22	Correspondence re: allegations or conflict of interest or breaches of the Code of Conduct by 3 named MPs.	No ongoing investigations although investigations are covered by parliamentary privilege. [Partial s34]	22/02/06
23	Access to archived files re: social exclusion. (HC/CL/EU/2/35/12985 HC/CL/EU/2/151/14930)	Several documents declassified from 'closed' to 'open', others subject to parliamentary privilege. [Partial s34]	13/03/06
24	Price lists for all bars, restaurants and tea rooms in the Palace of Westminster.	Sample menus for HoC and HoL provided. [Info provided in full]	09/03/06
25	Access to European Legislation Committee files. (HC/CL/EU/2/103/12783 HC/CL/EU/10964 HC/CL/EU/1/10954)	Documents not subject to parliamentary privilege provided. [Partial s34]	13/03/06
26	How many passholders by category are there for the Palace of Westminster?	Requested information provided.	17/03/06
27	Who has a named MP paid from her staffing allowance and IEP?	Full s40 exemption.	03/03/06
28	Numerous questions relating to a named MP's council tax and the use of ACA.	Partial s40 exemption; some information not held. Applicant provided a copy of the Green Book.	29/03/06
29	Questions regarding the resettlement grant and the tax exemption for the first £30,000.	Applicant directed to HMRC.	27/03/06
30	Request for breakdown of 16 named MPs' travel expenses for last two years.	Full s40 exemption.	09/03/06
31	Breakdown of all MPs' travel expenses by car, rail, air and bicycle for last three years.	Full s40 exemption.	09/03/06
32	How is ACA determined for two MPs sharing non-London accommodation?	Unable to answer hypothetical questions but HoC would not pay same expenses twice.	09/03/06
33	Details of a named member of staff who had been removed from Register of Interests of Member's Staff.	Full s40 exemption.	03/04/06
34	Details of electrical equipment for which MPs claimed financial support.	Purchases from parliamentary supplier provided. Retrieval of other suppliers would exceed limit. (Partial s12).	05/04/06
35	Details of equipment and use of video conferencing facilities available to MPs.	Information provided in full. Names redacted.	05/04/06
36	Did a named MP receive his salary while appearing on TV?	Full s40 exemption.	25/04/06
37	Access to a closed Clerk Assistant's file and a number of Home Affairs and Race Relations Committee files.	Majority of files opened in full. A number closed under s34. 2 kept partially closed under s40 and s34.	27/04/06
38	Follow up to F06/0027. Are ex-MPs' passes similar to yellow passes? Who has been given Freedom of the House?	Ex-MPs passes are similar to yellow passes. Tony Benn has Freedom of the House. Information provided in full.	25/04/06
39	Request for detailed breakdown of MPs' ACA.	Full s40 exemption.	28/04/06
40	Details of all expenses including copies of receipts for a named MP for 04/05.	Full s40 exemption.	25/04/06
41	6 questions re: FOI activity and performance measures at the HoC.	Information provided in full, though 05 figures are estimates.	11/04/06

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42	1) Rent/mortgage claims by 4 named Members. 2) Can remortgages be claimed? 3) Rules regarding IEP & ACA.	1) Full s40 exemption 2) Decision currently being taken 3) Information provided	15/05/06
43	Request for 'projected pensions' of all MPs.	Full s40 exemption, though leaflets and links to MPs dob and start dates provided.	25/04/06
44	Further details regarding XXXXX MP's IEP.	Request for breakdown: full s40 exemption. Applicant referred to Green Book in answer to enquiries re: IEP.	27/04/06
45	Each MP's bicycle mileage expenses for 97-01, 01-05, and current year.	Full s40 exemption, though relevent PQs provided.	25/04/06
46	Request for average age of MPs, age they were voted into office, length of service, and average term.	Average age provided. Other info not held, though data provided from which it can be calculated.	20/04/06
47	List of all publically funded flights taken by 4 named MPs since 6/12/5.	Full s40 exemption. Link to Sessional Returns provided.	28/04/06
48	How many FOI cases are under investigation by the ICO and what information is being sought?	Information provided in full: 12 cases are under investigation, all concerning s40.	25/04/06
49	Detailed info regarding engagements undertaken by the Speaker and Deputy Speakers in 03 and 04.	All information which could be compiled within appropriate limit provided. Irrelevant information redacted.	25/05/06
50	7 questions relating to IT expenditure for last 4 years and budgets for 05/06 and 06/07.	All requested information provided	09/06/06
51	How many .mp3 or other media files are stored on HoC computers?	Unable to determine whether files contain music, however total number of MP3 & WMA files on network provided.	24/05/06
52	Which home is each MP claiming his ACA against - a London property or one within 20 miles of constituency?	Full s40 exemption.	12/05/06
53	Detailed break-down of all XXXXX MP's allowances.	Full s40 exemption.	12/05/06
54	List of prices of drinks in each bar at the Palace of Westminster.	Information provided in full. Lords answer sent separately.	12/05/06
55	Is/has a named individual been paid from HoC funds?	Full s40 exemption.	12/05/06
56	Copies of correspondence relating to the 'Metric Martyrs' Judgement or referencing the Metric Martyrs.	Some references not already in public domain disclosed. Advice to Members exempt. (Partial s36 exemption).	05/06/06
57	Spending on constituency circulars by 7 Welsh MPs.	Full s40 exemption.	12/05/06
58	1) Name of IT Director and contact details 2) Copy of PICT organisation chart.	Information provided in full.	12/05/06
59	Numerous questions relating to email storage capacity, undelivered emails, and server software.	Partial response provided. Undelivered emails not recorded and compilation would exceed the appropriate limit.	24/05/06
60	List of MPs' email addresses in spreadsheet format.	Information not held, though is available from a number of other sources.	05/06/06
61	A copy of all material relating to the Treasury Committee's 5th report of 94-95 and 4th report of 95-96.	Some files open, others kept closed (partial s34 exemption). Personal information redacted under s40.	19/06/06
62	List of legislation, regulations and all laws currently extant and effective pertaining to an English citizen.	Clarification sought as information not held. Relevant factsheets provided. (Information provided in full.)	22/05/06

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63	F06/0062 follow up 1) Does Exchange affect anti-virus & anti-spam? 2) Estimate of undelivered emails.	1) Third party performs and on-access softwar scanner. 2) Information not held, though June estimate provided.	23/06/06
64	Breakdown by category, frequency, date, cost, departure & arrival for a named MP for 04/05 & 05/06.	Full s40 exemption.	30/06/06
65	Request for access to all documents relating to the applicants' complaint re: a named MP.	Full s34 exemption.	21/06/06
66	6 questions re: how a current major IT project, eg one that has executive board level interest, is reported.	CAR & CBP for HoC & HoL provided. Applicant invited to make more specific request. (Information provided in full)	23/06/06
67	For staff of MPs, please supply details of a) job descriptions b) pay scales c) examples of standard contracts.	Information provided in full.	20/06/06
68	6 questions relating to MPs' use of 2nd class mail and total mail costs.	Information provided in full.	13/07/06
69	Access to closed Speaker's Office file re: British-American Parliamentary Group. (HC/SO/2/364)	File opened. (Information provided in full).	17/07/06
70	Request for copy of the PICT organisation chart.	Information provided in full.	10/07/06
71	Contact details for those responsible for a) soft skills training b) project management training c) Office training.	Information provided in full.	02/08/06
72	Request for unredacted evidence from Culture, Media & Sport Committee's 6th Report of 01/02.	Full s34 exemption.	27/07/06
73	1) How many Pugin clocks located within Palace? 2) Have Portcullis Chairs been lent to MPs or Officers?	Information provided in full, though precise figures for specific years not held.	20/07/06
74	Have any MPs have received extra-statutory concessions from HMRC relating to their salary or allowances.	Information not held. (Provided in full).	28/07/06
75	1) No.of emails 2) No.of @parliament.uk addresses 3) IT expenditure. 4) Members' Refresh expenditure.	Information provided in full.	10/08/06
76	Earnings of 2 named MPs in their capacities as non-executive Directors.	Information not held.	20/07/06
77	Request for access to closed Home Affairs Committee file. (HC/CP/7955)	Full s34 exemption.	25/07/06
78	Request for copies of applicants' CVs and board notes for informal interviews for temporary DFA post.	Partial s40 exemption. Information relating to other candidates withheld. Information relating to him provided.	10/08/06
79	3 questions relating to EIR 2004 and consideration by Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.	Partial s34 exemption. Advice given to the Committee not disclosable.	28/07/06
80	The number of MPs who have completed self-assessment rather than PAYE for their return ending April 06.	Information provided in full. All MPs have tax deducted by PAYE and submit self-assessments.	28/07/06
81	List of MPs who hold private medical insurance as part of their parliamentary remuneration package.	Information provided in full. Private medical insurance is not allowable allowance expenditure.	28/07/06
82	1) IMA disclosure tables received by trustees of HoC pension fund. 2) List of investment mngrs appointed by HoC.	Information not held.	17/08/06
83	Request for further info on: a) Internet browsing habits b) Email traffic c) Electronic parliamentary procedures.	Information provided in full, though some information not held in form requested.	18/08/06

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84	Info relating to 1)Tumultuous Petitions Act 2)Seditious Meetings Act 3)Serious & Organised Crime & Police Act.	Historical records listed though exempt under s21. Information relating to policy not held. (Information provided in full).	10/08/06
85	Request for detailed structures of finance teams and departments that operate within the HoC.	Information provided in full.	31/08/06
86	Request for access to closed file: 'Accommodation for the leader of the Opposition'. (PWO/11/23)	File opened. (Information provided in full).	29/08/06
87	Could you give me a list of the Directory Training Officers please for the 8 directorates you have.	Information provided in full.	18/08/06
88	10 questions relating to erroneous Parliamentary Contributory Pension payments.	Information not held by the HoC. PCPF not a public authority.	15/09/06
89	How many FOI requests were made by HoC to NHS trusts. Names of trusts & details of questions if asked.	Information provided in full. No requests made by the HoC.	22/08/06
90	Request for access to closed file European Scrutiny Committee file re: EU/ Hong Kong. (HC/CL/EU/2/208/18072)	Partial s34 exemption.	25/09/06
91	Request for access to a named MP's diary and other questions.	MPs' diary information is not held by the House. Other questions answered in full. (Information provided in full).	20/09/06
92	4 questions relating to a named MP's HoC security pass.	Full s40 exemption.	25/09/06
93	How many MPs are claiming tax credits and how many have claimed tax credits?	Information provided in full. Our records show no MPs are or have claimed tax credits.	20/09/06
94	1)Does a named MP occupy a ministerial residence? 2)Information re: emoluments additional to salary.	Ministerial residence not provided; no additional emoluments paid by HoC. (Information provided in full).	03/10/06
95	Request for a detailed breakdown of MPs' travel expense claims.	Full s40 exemption.	03/10/06
96	What meetings/expenses has a named MP claimed for in Sept 05?	Meeting information not held. Full s40 exemption.	17/10/06
97	Confirmation of confidential info referred to in Science & Technology Committee's 5th Report of 2005-06.	Exerts from minutes provided. (Information provided in full.)	28/09/06
98	1)Breakdown of NI MPs' travel since GE 2)NI MPs' allowance expenditure 3)Total paid to NI MPs' including salary.	1)S40 2)To be published 3)Approximate figure provided. (Partial s40 exemption).	23/10/06
99	Copies of deposited papers from within PIMS. (06/1055, 06/922, 06/853, 06/848, 06/849, 06/842, 06/680)	Documents not available in electronic format though offered hard copies. (Information provided in full.)	25/09/06
100	Copy of Speaker's cert re: F05/0003. ICO and internal correspondence, and procedures relating to s36.	1)& 2)provided. 3)Internal correspondence partial s36 exemption. 4)Not held.	23/10/06
101	7 questions re: the number of computers connected to the parliamentary network and IT training.	Some info not held, though all available info provided. (Information provided in full.)	01/11/06
102	Submissions and or accounts rendered by a named MP which underpin most recent allowances paid to him.	Full s40 exemption.	02/11/06
103	A list of a named MP's registered and unregistered commercial interests inc. share holdings & directorships.	Some info not held, though all available info provided. (Information provided in full.)	08/11/06
104	Claims made by a named MP re: renting his constituency office during the 2001-2005.	Full s40 exemption	02/11/06

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105	Copy of the refusal notice in response to request relating to travel warrants used by XXXXXX between 02-04.	Decision notice provided. Applicant's details removed (partial s40 exemption). Sender contact details removed.	10/11/06
106	1)Legal expenses re: MPs' allowances 2)Expenses re: F05/0153 3)Costs till 7/12/6 4)Costs after 7/12/6.	1)Cost to date is £4464 2)No charges yet received. 3)&4)Info not held (Information provided in full.)	10/11/06
107	Breakdown of IEP, Staffing, and Travel for a named MP. Outcome any investigation into his expenditure.	Partial s40 exemption though confirmed that Mr Davies's allowance expenditure was within rules.	23/11/06
108	Breakdown of travel expenses claimed by MPs representing Scottish constituencies for 05/06.	Full exemption s40.	17/11/06
109	For which home is a named MP claiming ACA?	Full exemption s40.	17/11/06
110	Detailed break-down of a named MP's travel for the last five years.	Full exemption s40.	15/11/06
111	All information re: the amount of individual cases submitted to the JCHR.	Information not held.	08/11/06
112	Information on tax-free expenses that MPs are able to claim, particularly tax-free mileage rates	Information not held, though guidance booklet provided. (Information provided in full.)	09/11/06
113	Minutes of a meeting between Defence Committee and commercial representatives of naval dockyards.	Full s34 exemption.	04/12/06
114	Which email encryption system, if any, is in use today for day to day House of Commons email?	Full s36 exemption.	08/12/06
115	A copy of the report proposing an £80M+ underground visitor centre at Westminster.	Full s34 exemption.	04/12/06
116	Details of overseas trips made on parliamentary business during the 05-06 by South Wales MPs.	Full s40 exemption.	14/12/06
117	A named MP's salary, his total expenses, and an average MPs' expenses since 1992.	a)Salaries provided b)Expenses since 2001 provided c)Average expenses not held. [Information provided in full]	21/11/06
118	Please send me details of the salary and expenses paid to a named MP in the last parliamentary year.	Information provided in full.	21/11/06
119	I would like to request the diary appointments of five named MPs.	Information not held.	24/11/06
120	How many s34 certificates has Mr Speaker issued, excluding one dated 20 November?	5 certificates issued; no cases involving ICO. Information provided in full.	20/12/06
121	How much has each Scottish MP claimed since 1997 in ACA, mortgages, and rental?	Full s40 exemption. Pre-2001 information not held.	14/12/06
122	Could you provide me with the departmental staff breakdown and organisational chart for PICT.	Information provided in full.	30/11/06
123	How many <£250 receipts were claimed and checked in 05/06 and how many were incorrect claims?	Partial s40 exemption. Some information not held.	08/12/06
124	Details of all expenses including copies of receipts for a named MP for 05/06.	Full s40 exemption.	11/12/06
125	Information about the ethnic make-up of the Members of the HoC, ie Scots, English, Welsh etc.	Information not held.	13/12/06

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126	8 questions re: MPs' salaries, tax, pensions, allowances and other benefits and remunerations.	Information provided in full.	14/12/06
127	Documents concerning activities of the Midlands Industrial Group and its relationship to the Conservative party.	Information not held.	06/12/06
128	How much did a named MP claim in mortgage interest on his London flat for 05/06?	Full s40 exemption.	13/12/06
129	11 requests re: Members' diary appointments and party funding.	Information not held.	20/12/06
130	Request for access to 5 European Scrutiny Committee files re: pollution.	Partial s34 exemption.	04/01/07
131	Funding of farrier training.	Information provided in full.	09/01/07
132	No. of requests re: MP's remunerations met in full, partially, exempt. Details of a named MP's expenses.	1) Approximate information provided. 2) Partial s40 exemption.	24/01/07
133	4 questions re: subsidies to HoC catering outlets, access regulations to outlets, and sample menus for each.	Partial s34. Some inaccurate information not provided, though applicant invited to discuss figures.	12/01/07
134	Request for copy of paper comparing differences between evidence to Foreign Affairs C'tee & Hutton inquiry.	Full s34 exemption.	14/12/06
135	Copy of Articles of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation Act.	Full s21 exemption. Applicant directed to local library or Parliamentary Archives.	13/12/06
136	Submissions and or accounts rendered by a named MP which underpin most recent allowances paid to him.	Full s40 exemption.	11/01/07
137	I wish to know the cost of fighting the war in Iraq to the British taxpayer, from the beginning of the war, to date.	Library standard note provided. (Information provided in full).	13/12/06
138	The number of accident reports and near-miss reports filed relating to paper cuts over the last year in the Palace?	Information not held.	21/12/06
139	Explain why a Scottish ex-teacher with no financial services qualifications is chairman of the Treasury Committee.	Copy of formal minutes provided.	14/12/06
140	A number of questions re: monitoring and management of DWP policies and social security budget.	No monitoring systems exist or checks carried out. Applicant referred to DWP. (Information provided in full).	22/12/06
141	Subject access request for applicant's Standards Commissioner investigation file. Some info not personal data.	Full s34 exemption. Personal data also refused under parliamentary privilege.	14/12/06