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## Summary

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I started an inquiry on 23 August 2022, after receiving a complaint about Mr Crispin Blunt MP's entry on the Register of Members' Financial Interests. It was alleged that Mr Blunt had failed to declare his directorship with the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians, and the ten payments that he received in connection with this position, within the 28-day deadline set by the House.

During my investigation I sought information from the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests as well as Mr Blunt.

Having considered the information available to me, I concluded that, as the company was not trading earlier than 4 August 2021, and Mr Blunt had not received any remuneration for the role, there was no onus on him to register the interest under Category 1 before this date. It was noted that when circumstances changed, and Mr Blunt started to receive remuneration for the role, he registered the interest under Category 1 accordingly.

With respect to Category 8, Mr Blunt said that, given the above, he took the view the directorship was not a relevant financial interest that required registration. As Mr Blunt had applied the test of relevance and reached a reasoned conclusion that he was entitled to make, it is my view that Mr Blunt's decision not to register the directorship under Category 8 was not a breach of the Code of Conduct. In view of the above this part of the complaint was not upheld.

However, it is my view that Mr Blunt failed to register the ten payments that he received between 29 August 2021 and 1 June 2022 for his role as Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians within the 28-day deadline set by the House. This amounts to a breach of paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members.

When making my decision, I took into account the explanations provided by Mr Blunt, and accept that the failure to submit a form notifying the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests of his regular payments was an oversight on his part. I found that, based on the information available to me, the breaches were inadvertent, and that there was no deliberate attempt to mislead.

I decided therefore, the inquiry could be concluded by way of the rectification procedure available to me under Standing Order No. 150. I have asked the Registrar to arrange for the relevant entries in the Register of Members' Financial Interests to be placed in bold italics, so it is clear they have been the subject of an inquiry.

## Mr Crispin Blunt MP: Resolution Letter

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### Letter from the Commissioner to the complainant, 26 October 2022

5 I wrote to you on 24 August 2022 to tell you that I had begun an inquiry into your allegation that Mr Crispin Blunt MP had breached paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members. I write today to inform you that I have upheld part of your complaint, specifically that Mr Blunt failed to register the ten payments he received between 29 August 2021 and 1 June 2022, for his role as Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians within the 28-day deadline set by the House.

10 Mr Blunt has acknowledged and apologised for his breach of the rules and taken steps to avoid recurrence. The full rationale for my decision can be found in my letter to [Name redacted], dated 6 October 2022 (item 9 in the written evidence pack), which you can access once the evidence pack has been published.

15 I consider this breach to be at the less serious end of the spectrum and have decided that this inquiry should be concluded through the rectification procedure, available to me through House of Commons' Standing Order No. 150.

I will publish my decision and the written evidence pack shortly on my webpages [here](#) and I will report the outcome to the Standards Committee in due course.

20 Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I confirm that the matter is now closed.

*26 October 2022*

## Written evidence

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### 1. Email from the complainant to the Commissioner, 11 August 2022

I wish to raise an issue regarding Crispin Blunt MP

5 In the latest Register it has that Mr Blunt received 11 payments of £2,083.33 as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians

10 of these payments (totalling £20,833.30) were registered more than 28 days after he received them. They range from being 44 days from receipt of the payments to 320 days

10 I set out below a schedule of these payments and the number of days from when he received the money to the date in which he registered the payment

DATE PAID	AMOUNT	DATE REGISTERED	NUMBER OF DAYS
29/08/2021	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	320
30/09/2021	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	288
31/10/2021	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	257
30/11/2021	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	227
05/01/2022	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	191
30/01/2022	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	166
01/03/2022	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	136
31/03/2022	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	106
29/04/2022	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	77
01/06/2022	£2,083.33	14/07/2022	44
	£20,833.30		

Also, from looking at the Companies House website, the company was formed on 1st December 2020 and Mr Blunt was a Director from its incorporation. This directorship has never been recorded in the Register

5 Attached are downloads from Companies House showing the incorporation and a list of the directors<sup>1</sup>

I feel that these are a breach of the Code of Conduct and should be investigated.

*11 August 2022*

## **2. Letter from the Commissioner to Mr Crispin Blunt MP, 23 August 2022**

10 Following receipt of an allegation I have received from [name redacted] about your compliance with paragraph 14 of the House of Commons Code of Conduct for Members, I have decided to open a formal inquiry. I enclose a copy of [name redacted] submission and the enclosures sent with it.

### **The scope of my inquiry**

15 My inquiry will focus on whether you have acted in breach of paragraph 14 of the House of Commons' Code of Conduct for Members by:

- Failing to register the ten regular payments of £2,083.33 that you received as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians between 29 August 2021 and 1 June 2022 within the 28-day deadline set by the House.
- 20 • Failing to register your position as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians.

If the scope of my inquiry changes, I will update you in writing.

### **The relevant rules of the House**

25 The overarching rules are found in the [House of Commons' Code of Conduct for Members](#). Paragraph 14 of the Code states:

*"Members shall fulfil conscientiously the requirements of the House in respect of the registration of interests in the Register of Members' Financial Interests. They shall always be open and frank in drawing attention to any relevant interest in any proceeding of the House or its*

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<sup>1</sup> Enclosures have been reproduced in full at Appendix 1

*Committees, and in any communications with Ministers, Members, public officials or public office holders.”*

5 The Guide to the rules relating to the conduct of Members, which is appended to the Code, contains more detail about registration. Chapter 1, Category 1: Employment and Earnings states:

10 *“Members must register, subject to the paragraphs below, individual payments of more than £100 which they receive for any employment outside the House. They must also register individual payments of £100 or less once they have received a total of over £300 in payments of whatever size from the same source in a calendar year.*

### **Requirements for registration**

#### **7. Under this category Members must register:**

*Any of the following received as a director or employee or earned in any other capacity:*

15 *a) Salaries, fees and payments in kind; gifts received in recognition of services performed;*

*...”*

Chapter 1 Category 8: Miscellaneous also states:

#### **“Under this category Members must register:**

20 *a) Any relevant financial interest or material benefit which does not clearly fall into one of the other categories, including any shareholding which falls below the relevant threshold, or any other financial asset, including an asset held in trust, if the Member nevertheless considers that it meets the test of relevance; in other words, that it might*  
 25 *reasonably be thought by others to influence his or her actions or words as a Member; and*

30 *b) Any other interest, if the Member considers that it might reasonably be thought by others to influence his or her actions or words as a Member in the same way as a financial interest. This might include an unpaid employment or directorship, or directorship of a company not currently trading, non-practising membership of a profession, or a fund established to defray legal costs arising out of the Member’s work, but from which no benefit has yet been received.”*

### Next steps

I would welcome your comments on the allegation that your alleged actions have amounted to a breach of paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members. I would also be grateful for your answers to the following specific questions:

- 5 1. Are you aware of the requirement to register all relevant financial interests within 28 days of acquisition or change?
2. Please can you outline the circumstances that caused these interests to be registered late and what prompted you to register them on 17 July 2022?
- 10 3. Did you consider whether you should have registered your position as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians? Please let me know your reasons for not doing so.
4. Are you satisfied that your current entry in the Register of Members' Financial Interests is complete and accurate in all other respects and in line with Chapter 1 of the Guide to the rules?
- 15 i) If it is not, please contact the Registrar now to bring it up to date.
- ii) If it is, please describe the steps you have taken to satisfy yourself of this.
- 20 5. If, on reflection, you accept that some of your interests have been registered outside of the House's deadline, please explain what steps you will now take to prevent any further late registrations?

It would be helpful to receive any evidence to support your responses when you reply to this letter. Any other points you wish to make to help me with this inquiry would also be welcome.

### Important information

- 25 My inquiries are conducted in private. **However, following the decision taken by the House on 21 April 2021, I will shortly publish on my webpages the fact that I am conducting an inquiry about your alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.** If contacted, my office will not comment on any aspect of this specific inquiry to third parties. They will answer direct factual questions about the processes I follow, and
- 30 the standards system more generally, but will not provide any comment or details about the particulars of this inquiry.

This letter and any subsequent correspondence between us in connection with this inquiry is protected by parliamentary privilege. It should be kept confidential until

the outcome of my inquiry is published. The same requirement extends to [the complainant].

5 The Members' Services Team (MST) can support and signpost you and/or your staff to appropriate support services. You can contact them confidentially on [details redacted] for a range of issues, including support with handling the impact of media attention.

### **Procedure**

10 I enclose a copy of the Commissioner's Information Note, which sets out the procedure for inquiries. Please note that this has not yet been updated to reflect the changes flowing from the decision of 19 July 2018.

While I do not, at this stage, know whether it will be necessary to interview you about this matter, it would be open to you to be accompanied at any such interview. I am, of course, very happy to meet with you at any stage if you would find that helpful.

15 I should say now, as a matter of courtesy, that I may seek the advice of the House authorities and others as part of this inquiry. If I do so, I will share that correspondence with you.

20 Information provided to me during the course of my inquiry will be retained, and disposed of, in accordance with the House of Commons' Authorised Records Disposal Policy.

### **Potential outcomes**

25 Inquiries are generally concluded in one of three ways. If the evidence does not substantiate the allegation, it will not be upheld. If the evidence demonstrates a breach of the rules, I may, in circumstances defined by Standing Order No. 150, uphold the allegation and conclude the inquiry using the rectification procedure, without making a referral to the Committee on Standards. Where an allegation is not upheld or is rectified, the investigation material, including our correspondence, will be published on the Parliament website.

30 If I uphold the allegation, and it is either unsuitable for the rectification procedure, or you do not accept my decision, I must make a referral to the Committee on Standards. My memorandum to the Committee will be published as an appendix to the Committee's own Report.

35 Regardless of the outcome of my inquiry, I must emphasise that all the relevant evidence, including our correspondence, will be published when this inquiry is concluded. I routinely redact the personal data of third parties unless it is relevant

to my decision. Please tell me if you provide sensitive material that you think I should redact. I will consider carefully any such request.

### Action

5 I would be grateful to have your response to this letter as soon as possible and no later than 6 September 2022. Please let me know before that date if you require more time to respond.

10 If you would prefer me to communicate with you by email, or via a different postal address, please give the details when you reply to this letter. It would also be helpful if you were willing to provide a telephone number through which I might contact you.

Please send your response electronically to;

[standardscommissioner@parliament.uk](mailto:standardscommissioner@parliament.uk)

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

*23 August 2022*

### 15 **3. Email from Mr Crispin Blunt MP to the Commissioner, 6 September 2022**

Thank you for your letter and supporting documents of 23rd August 2022.

The answers to your specific questions in the section Next Steps are as follows:

1. Yes
- 20 2. The International Centre of Justice for Palestinians made its first payment to me on 4th August 2021. This was declared to the Registrar as a payment in respect of my duties as Director on 11th August 2021. The attached exchange between my office and the assistant registrar helps explain the subsequent late declarations. On 11 August 2021, [name redacted] in my office attempts to register the directorship and associate financial interest after first payment was received on 4 August 2021.<sup>2</sup> That declaration draws attention to the annual stipend of £25,000. The registrar invites the completion of an ongoing entry to cover future payments and the completion of the attached contractual agreement. To my knowledge, I completed this and emailed the registrar on 25 the 17th August as per my email attached.<sup>3</sup> However, on examination following your inquiry [name redacted] has flagged to me that I omitted to add 30 the completed contractual agreement form. In these circumstances the

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<sup>2</sup> The emails have been reproduced in full at Appendix 2

<sup>3</sup> This is a confidential document that has not been reproduced

5 registrar did not publish the annual stipend as I had anticipated. Believing my declaration to be complete in an annual form in respect of ICJP, I did not check that it had appeared properly in the register. Only when examining the register in July 2022 did I notice this oversight. I then corrected the record by adding all the subsequent monthly payments in respect of my directorship.

3. I believe I registered my position as a director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians as reasonably close to the moment when my financial interest and the activities of ICJP, in my role as a director whether remunerated or not, were required to be registered.

10 4. The International Centre of Justice for Palestinians was formed as a shell company by Tayab Ali, with me amongst others as a director, as part of preparatory administrative work towards creating an organisation that could act to use all the opportunities available under international or other law to help Palestinians find a legal route to restitution and justice that would  
15 strengthen the moral and legal authority of wider and individual Palestinian cases for restitution and help undermine the arguments for using violence, both legal and illegal as a route to justice for Palestinians. Whilst the company was registered at Companies House on 1st December 2020 it did not become active until after the proposal had first secured and received its initial funding  
20 on 8th June 2021. On 9th June, the existence of ICJP was publicly presented, including by me, at a launch event. I also authored an article publicising this new idea in the Balfour Conference papers on 21st June 2021. Using the rule of law to deliver justice for Palestinians - Arab Digest.<sup>4</sup> ICJP made its first employment offer to staff on 12th July 2021.

25 5. I was acutely aware that my active and actual interest would fall within the scope of the rules of the House and significantly limit my engagement on issues touching justice for Palestinians within the House. As, after 30 years of association with the generality of the Palestinian cause I no longer regard the House of Commons as a useful forum to raise these issues due to the  
30 dominance of the immensely more influential lobby associated with the principal agents of Palestinian oppression, the State of Israel. I am also aware that any occasion when the rules of the House are not fully and wholly followed will probably be taken as an opportunity for making a complaint against me for acquiring this interest by a properly, highly professional lobby  
35 examining any wider representation of Palestinian interests.

I accept that responsibility for the apparent late declarations of payment must be mine, whatever the confusion created by the declarations subsequently made to the registrar and offer an unreserved apology for the now late declaration of monthly payments by ICJP. I believe this comprehensive explanation in which I was assisted  
40 by my office shows that any oversight was in the context of a genuine intention to properly follow the rules of the House. I believe the interest in the position of my

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<sup>4</sup> Hyperlink not included in this evidence pack.

directorship was declared in parallel with the initiation of actual activity by ICJP and the first payment to me in reasonable parallel.

*6 September 2022*

#### **4. Letter from the Commissioner to Mr Crispin Blunt MP, 8 September 2022**

5 Thank you for your email dated 6 September 2022, and for the information you provided.

10 In my letter to you of 23 August 2022, I said that I may seek the advice of the House authorities as part of my investigation. Today I have written to the Registrar and a copy of that letter is included for your information (minus the enclosures previously shared with you).

In the meantime, in order to assist me with my inquiry, I would ask that you clarify the following points:

15 1. The Companies House records show that you were appointed as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians on 1 December 2020, however, your directorship was not registered until 11 August 2021. Please provide an explanation for the delay in registering this interest.

2. Are you satisfied that your current entry in the Register of Members' Financial Interests is complete and accurate in all other respects and in line with Chapter 1 of the Guide to the rules?

20 a) If it is not, please contact the Registrar now to bring it up to date.

b) If it is, please describe the steps you have taken to satisfy yourself of this.

3. Please state what steps you will now take to prevent any further late registrations?

25 I would ask that you provide your response by **15 September 2022**. Please let me know before that date if you require more time to respond.

30 Once I have received the information that I have requested from you and the Registrar, I will write to you again regarding the next steps. In the meantime, this matter remains protected by Parliamentary Privilege and should continue to be kept confidential.

*8 September 2022*

### 5. Letter from the Commissioner to the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests, 8 September 2022

I am writing to request information in connection with a complaint I have recently received about Mr Crispin Blunt MP. In essence, the complaint is that Mr Blunt acted in breach of paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members, by:

- Failing to register the ten regular payments of £2,083.33 that he received as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians between 29 August 2021 and 1 June 2022 within the 28-day deadline set by the House.

10 I enclose a copy of my letter to the Member, dated 23 August 2022, and their reply of 6 September 2022. I have also enclosed copies of the correspondence and supporting evidence which led to me initiating this inquiry for your information.

15 You will see that, in his response, Mr Blunt said that, having been informed that it would be possible to draft an ongoing entry to cover future payments, he completed the relevant form provided by the Assistant Registrar but forgot to submit it. Mr Blunt said that when he realised the entries had not been included, he contacted the Registrar to update the register.

20 I understand that the responsibility for ensuring the Register is accurate and complete rests with the Member. I also understand that, whilst the Registration Team may provide advice and guidance to a Member about maintaining their register entry, especially where regular payments are expected, there is no onus on the Registration Team to follow up on that advice or make further enquires or prompts. However, it would assist my inquiry if you could confirm whether, on this occasion, there was any further contact with Mr Blunt about the regular payments, 25 or the completion of the form, and if so, provide copies of that correspondence.

It would be very helpful to have your reply by **22 September 2022**.

If you require further information from Mr Blunt before giving your advice, I would be happy for you to contact them directly.

Thank you for your assistance.

30 *8 September 2022*

### 6. Letter from the Registrar of Members' Financial interests to the Commissioner, 21 September 2022

Thank you for your letter dated 8 September 2022, in relation to the investigation into Mr Crispin Blunt.

I can confirm that there is no onus on the Registration Team to follow up on advice or make further enquires or prompts in relation to Members' registrations.

5 I have checked our records and have found four emails between the Registry Office and Mr Blunt on this matter. I have attached them as Annex 1 and have highlighted in green the relevant sentences.

For the sake of completeness, I have also attached at Annex 2, the email exchange about the payments made between 29 August 2021 and 30 June 2022, and the ongoing payments starting on 1 July 2022.<sup>5</sup>

*21 September 2022*

10 **7. Email from Mr Crispin Blunt MP to the Commissioner, 26 September 2022**

Thank you for your further enquiry of 8th September.

- 15 1. I tried to provide a full explanation to this in my first reply (6 September 2022) and I hope this further detail on the assumptions underpinning my decisions complete the picture. Paragraph 4 of my earlier reply contains much of the relevant detail. The directorship of the company registered at Companies House on 1st December 2020 was in respect of a shell company that may never have gone beyond that status. It was set up as a vehicle to enable potential receipt of funds and potential employment of staff to further its objectives. I did not, and do not believe, that a directorship of a shell company, inactive, without funds, staff or premises, would require registration. If this is wrong I have been in error, and of course would apologise, but believe that it would help if the rules of the House made this clear, but would point out that one would be reporting a non-existent actual interest and this may lead to confusion with real and active interests that should be reported. The company did not in any way become active until 8 June 2021 when it received its first tranche of income, and had no capacity for action beyond statements of the directors, until it made its first employment offer to staff on 12 July 2021. The directors made no public statement until 9 June when we first publicly presented our intentions as a company, followed up with the publication of an article authored by me on 21 June 2021. I knew my payments as a director would commence at end July 2021 and made the relevant declaration on 11th August 2021. I still believe this to have been a reasonable and sensible discharge of my responsibilities to register my interests both as a director and in respect of my remuneration.
- 35 2. I am satisfied that the current entry in the Register is correct. I have re-read the entry just now and am unaware of any other interests to declare.

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<sup>5</sup> Annex 1 and 2 are reproduced in full at Appendix 3

3. I continue to ensure that miscellaneous income is registered with the assistance of my staff and now my two indefinite interests are registered with their annual receipts, providing a clear on-going picture for proper accountability purposes.

5 I hope these answers satisfactorily address your questions. I of course remain at your disposal.

*26 September 2022*

### **8. Letter from the Commissioner to Mr Crispin Blunt MP, 6 October 2022**

10 Thank you for your emails of 6 and 26 September 2022 and the additional information you have provided, including the acknowledgement and apology for your late entries in the Register of Members' Financial Interests.

I have received the information I requested from the Registrar. I attach his response for your consideration.

15 Having considered the information available to me, I now have sufficient information to make a decision on the allegation that you acted in breach of paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament. Specifically, it was alleged that you failed to register your directorship with the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians, and ten payments that you received in this position within the 28-day deadline set by the House.

### **20 My decision**

I have considered our correspondence, the published rules and guidance, and the additional evidence provided by the Registrar. With respect to the directorship, I am satisfied that there is no evidence that a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred.

25 However, it is my view that your failure to register the ten payments you received for your role as Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians between 29 August 2021 and 1 June 2022 amounts to a breach of paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members.

30 For the reasons outlined below, I do not intend to refer this matter to the Committee on Standards for consideration. Instead, I have decided to conclude this matter using the rectification process provided by Standing Order No. 150.

### **The House of Commons Code of Conduct and Guidance**

Paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct states:

5 *“Members shall fulfil conscientiously the requirements of the House in respect of the registration of interests in the Register of Members’ Financial Interests. They shall always be open and frank in drawing attention to any relevant interest in any proceeding of the House or its Committees, and in any communications with Ministers, Members, public officials or public office holders.”*

10 The Guide to the Rules states that Members are required to register any new registrable interests within 28 days. Chapter 1, Category 1 states that Members should register individual payments of more than £100 which they receive for any employment outside the House. However, Members should not register under Category 1 “unremunerated directorships” or “directorships of companies not currently trading.” Category 8 adds that Members should register any interest that the Member considers:

- 15 a) May reasonably be thought by others to influence the members actions or words as a Member
- b) May reasonably be thought by others to influence his or her actions or words as a Member in the same way as a financial interest, this may include an unpaid directorship or the directorship of a company not yet trading.

## 20 **Rationale**

### **The directorship of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians**

25 You explained that the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians had no capacity for action until after 12 July 2021 when it made its first employment offer. You said that you knew you would receive your first remuneration around the end of July 2021, and you registered the interest accordingly.

Having fully considered both the Rules and the Guide to the Rules it is my view that, as the company was neither trading nor had you received any remuneration there was no onus on you to register the interest under Category 1.

30 With respect to Category 8, you said that as the company was neither trading nor were you receiving any remuneration, you did not believe the directorship was a relevant financial interest requiring registration. Furthermore, I note that as soon as the company was in a position to trade and you were due to receive remuneration you registered your directorship. It appears that, when making your decision you applied the test of relevance as outlined in the Guide to the Rules and reached a  
35 reasoned conclusion that you were entitled to make. However, I would suggest that if a similar situation occurs in future you may wish to seek advice from the Registrar of Members’ Financial Interests on these matters. On that basis, I am of the opinion that your omitting to register the directorship prior to receiving remuneration is not a breach of paragraph 14.

### The ten payments

5 You explained that the payments in question related to your work as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians. You registered the initial payment and directorship on 11 August 2021 and notified the Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests that you would continue to receive regular payments for this role. You said that following an email exchange with the Registrar's office you had intended to submit a form that would ensure your register entry would be automatically updated to include your regular payments. You said that you believed you had submitted the form to the Registrar's office but accept  
10 that you had failed to do so. You said that as soon as you realised your entry on the Register of Members' Financial Interests was incorrect you took action to remedy it. You acknowledged that the oversight was yours and apologised accordingly.

15 Having considered the evidence, it is my view that you failed to register these ten payments within the 28-day deadline set by the House. In making my decision, I have taken into account the value, the timeframe and the lateness of the interests, as well as the action that you took to remedy the failings once identified. I also accept that you held a genuine belief that you had sent the form to the Office of the Registrar of Members' Interests so that your register entry could be automatically updated with these regular payments. On that basis, it is my view that you breached  
20 paragraph 14 by failing to declare your remunerated interest within the deadline set by the House.

25 Having considered the information available to me, I am satisfied that the failings identified were inadvertent and there was no deliberate attempt to mislead. I have also taken into account your engagement with this inquiry process, that you have accepted and apologised for the breaches, and previous decisions that I have made as well as those made by the Committee on Standards.

### Next Steps

30 As I explained above, Standing Order No. 150 makes provision for me to conclude an inquiry using the rectification process, rather than by making a referral to the Committee on Standards. Rectification requires the entry in the current Register to be amended to bold italic type and include an appropriate explanatory note. Amended entries remain on the Register for a period of one year.

35 In view of the above, I have decided that I can resolve this breach of the Rules through rectification. To do so, the Committee would generally expect the Member to provide the following:

- a) Confirmation you have accepted my decision;
- b) A clear acknowledgement that you have breached the rules;
- c) An apology for the breach; and

- d) Information of the steps you have taken to rectify the breach and to ensure there is no recurrence of the breach.

5 You have already acknowledged and apologised for your breach of the rules, for which I would like to thank you. In order to progress this through rectification, I will require the following from you:

1. Carefully review my decision and confirm in writing that you accept it;
2. Include with your response an undertaking that future registrations of financial interests will be made in line with the requirements of the Guide to the rules.

10 The above can be provided by way of your formal response to this letter. In cases concerning the registration of interests, I would usually ask the Registrar to arrange for the relevant entry to be italicised in the Register of Members' Financial Interests, to indicate to the reader that entry has been the subject of a rectification.

15 If you are content for me to conclude the inquiry in this way, or have any comments you wish to make about the advice provided by the Registrar, please write to me with the above information as soon as possible or no later than **13 October 2022**.

20 If you agree to my proposal, I will share my written evidence pack with you, so that you can check its factual accuracy before publication. I will also report the outcome to the Committee on Standards in due course as a matter of routine. I will ask the Registrar to arrange to annotate the relevant information in the Register.

If you do not accept my decision, you should tell me the reasons for that by reply. After which, I will prepare a Memorandum to the Committee on Standards, so that they may consider the matter. I would give you the opportunity to see and comment on a draft of the Memorandum, but the content of it would be for me alone.

25 In the meantime, our correspondence remains protected by parliamentary privilege and I must ask that you continue to maintain the strict confidentiality of the inquiry.

I would be grateful if you could please send your response electronically to: [standardscommissioner@parliament.uk](mailto:standardscommissioner@parliament.uk)

30 *6 October 2022*

### **9. Email from Mr Crispin Blunt MP to the Commissioner, 11 October 2022**

35 Thank you for your letter of 6th October 2022. I have carefully reviewed your decisions, first in respect of registering my directorship that I reached a reasoned conclusion I was entitled to make and that it was not a breach of the code of conduct, and second that the late registration of the ten monthly payments was a breach of

the code, but that it was inadvertent and there was no attempt to mislead, and I accept them. I apologise again for this and for the ensuing trouble of the complaint and your inquiry. I will of course continue to endeavour to the best of my ability to comply with the requirements of the Guide to the rules.

- 5 I am content for you to conclude the inquiry as you propose.

*11 October 2022*

#### **10. Letter from the Commissioner to Mr Crispin Blunt MP, 14 October 2022**

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2022, agreeing to my proposal to conclude my inquiry by way of the rectification procedure.

- 10 I enclose a copy of the draft written evidence pack, which includes the correspondence exchanged during the investigation. In this pack you will find a draft copy of the letter I plan to send to the complainant; it is the first item in the pack, after the summary. While the content of the letter is a matter for me alone, I would welcome any comments on the factual accuracy of this and the draft written  
15 evidence pack. The complainant's name will be redacted from the published pack; please let me know if there are any further redactions you think should be made, and I will consider your request.

I would be pleased to receive any comments you wish to make on these items as soon as possible, and no later than 21 October 2022.

- 20 Once I have any comments you wish to make, I will finalise the pack, which will then be published on my webpages. I will notify you of the publication of the pack. I will also notify the Committee on Standards of the outcome of my inquiry in due course.

- 25 In the meantime, our correspondence continues to be protected by parliamentary privilege. Until I send you and the complainant letters concluding the inquiry, this matter should remain confidential.

*14 October 2022*

## 11. Appendix 1

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS p... <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/compan...>

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## Find and update company information

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS

Company number 13054048

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[ALI, Mohammad Tayab](#)

Correspondence address 24 Bodiam Court, Maidstone, Kent, England, ME16 8LZ

Role Active Director

Date of birth April 1975

Appointed on 1 December 2020

Nationality British

Country of residence England

Occupation Solicitor

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1 of 2 11/08/2022, 9:34 am

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**BLUNT, Crispin Jeremy Rupert**Correspondence address **Horley Mill, 83, Lee Street, Horley, Surrey, England, RH6 8HD**Role Active **Director**Date of birth **July 1982**Appointed on **1 December 2020**Nationality **British**Country of residence **England**Occupation **Member Of Parliament**

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**DIJKSTAL, Haydee Johanna**Correspondence address **1200 N Wayne St, F, Arlington, Va, United States, 22201**Role Resigned **Director**Date of birth **November 1982**Appointed on **1 December 2020**Resigned on **29 March 2021**Nationality **Dutch**Country of residence **United States**Occupation **Barrister**

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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF A  
PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY**

Company Number 13054048

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS**

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by guarantee, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on 1st December 2020



\* N13054048C \*



Companies House



THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

The above information was communicated by electronic means and authenticated by the Registrar of Companies under section 1115 of the Companies Act 2006

**IN01**(ef)**Application to register a company**

Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: **30/11/2020**

X9IX5ECR

*Company Name in full:* **INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS**

*I confirm that the above proposed company meets the conditions for exemption from the requirements to have a name ending with 'Limited' or permitted alternatives*

*Company Type:* **Private company limited by guarantee**

*Situation of Registered Office:* **England and Wales**

*Proposed Registered Office Address:* **OFFICE 4 219 KENSINGTON HIGH STREET  
KENSINGTON  
LONDON  
ENGLAND W8 6BD**

*Sic Codes:* **94920**

*I wish to partially adopt the following model articles:* **Private (Ltd by Guarantee)**

***Proposed Officers***

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***Company Director***     ***1***

**Type:**                               **Person**

**Full Forename(s):**               **MOHAMMAD TAYAB**

**Surname:**                         **ALI**

**Service Address:**               **24 BODIAM COURT**  
   **MAIDSTONE**  
   **KENT**  
   **ENGLAND ME16 8LZ**

**Country/State Usually**       **ENGLAND**  
**Resident:**

**Date of Birth:**   **\*\*/04/1975**                               **Nationality:**   **BRITISH**

**Occupation:**   **SOLICITOR**

***The subscribers confirm that the person named has consented to act as a director.***

***Company Director*** 2

**Type:** Person  
**Full Forename(s):** CRISPIN JEREMY RUPERT  
**Surname:** BLUNT  
**Service Address:** HORLEY MILL, 83 LEE STREET  
HORLEY  
SURREY  
ENGLAND RH6 8HD  
**Country/State Usually Resident:** ENGLAND

**Date of Birth:** \*\*/07/1982                      **Nationality:** BRITISH  
**Occupation:** MEMBER OF  
PARLIAMENT

*The subscribers confirm that the person named has consented to act as a director.*



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***Persons with Significant Control (PSC)***

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**Statement of initial significant control**

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**On incorporation, there will be someone who will count as a Person with Significant Control (either a registerable person or relevant legal entity (RLE)) in relation to the company**

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***Individual Person with Significant Control details***

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*Names:* **MOHAMMAD TAYAB ALI**

*Country/State Usually Resident:* **ENGLAND**

*Date of Birth:* **\*\*/04/1975** *Nationality:* **BRITISH**

*Service Address:* **24 BODIAM COURT  
MAIDSTONE  
KENT  
ENGLAND  
ME16 8LZ**

*The subscribers confirm that each person named as an individual PSC in this application knows that their particulars are being supplied as part of this application.*

***Nature of control***

**The person holds, directly or indirectly, more than 25% but not more than 50% of the voting rights in the company.**

***Individual Person with Significant Control details***

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*Names:* **CRISPIN JEREMY RUPERT BLUNT**

*Country/State Usually Resident:* **ENGLAND**

*Date of Birth:* **\*\*/07/1982** *Nationality:* **BRITISH**

*Service Address:* **HORLEY MILL, 83 LEE STREET  
HORLEY  
SURREY  
ENGLAND  
RH6 8HD**

*The subscribers confirm that each person named as an individual PSC in this application knows that their particulars are being supplied as part of this application.*

***Nature of control***

**The person holds, directly or indirectly, more than 25% but not more than 50% of the voting rights in the company.**

***Individual Person with Significant Control details***

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*Names:* **HAYDEE JOHANNA DIJKSTAL**

*Country/State Usually Resident:* **UNITED STATES**

*Date of Birth:* **\*\*/11/1982** *Nationality:* **DUTCH**

*Service Address:* **1200 N WAYNE ST, F  
ARLINGTON  
VA  
UNITED STATES  
22201**

*The subscribers confirm that each person named as an individual PSC in this application knows that their particulars are being supplied as part of this application.*

*Nature of control*

**The person holds, directly or indirectly, more than 25% but not more than 50% of the voting rights in the company.**

### ***Statement of Guarantee***

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I confirm that if the company is wound up while I am a member, or within one year after I cease to be a member, I will contribute to the assets of the company by such amount as may be required for:

- payments of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before I cease to be a member;
- payments of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and;
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among ourselves, not exceeding the specified amount below.

*Name:* **MOHAMMAD TAYAB ALI**

*Address* **24 BODIAM COURT  
MAIDSTONE  
KENT  
ENGLAND  
ME16 8LZ**

*Amount Guaranteed* **GBP 1.00**

*Name:* **CRISPIN JEREMY RUPERT BLUNT**

*Address* **HORLEY MILL, 83 LEE STREET  
HORLEY  
SURREY  
ENGLAND  
RH6 8HD**

*Amount Guaranteed* **GBP 1.00**

*Name:* **HAYDEE JOHANNA DIJKSTAL**

*Address* **1200 N WAYNE ST, F  
ARLINGTON  
VA  
UNITED STATES  
22201**

*Amount Guaranteed* **GBP 1.00**

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***Statement of Compliance***

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*I confirm the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with.*

*Name:* **MOHAMMAD TAYAB ALI**  
*Authenticated* **YES**  
*Name:* **CRISPIN JEREMY RUPERT BLUNT**  
*Authenticated* **YES**  
*Name:* **HAYDEE JOHANNA DIJKSTAL**  
*Authenticated* **YES**

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***Authorisation***

*Authoriser Designation:* **subscriber**

*Authenticated* **YES**

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**SCHEDULE 2****COMPANY NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL****Memorandum of Association of:  
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS**

Each Subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company.

*Name of each subscriber:*

MOHAMMAD TAYAB ALI  
CRISPIN JEREMY RUPERT BLUNT  
HAYDEE JOHANNA DIJKSTAL

DATED: 30/11/2020

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company will assume the Statutory Model Articles of Association for a Limited by Guarantee Company (not having a share capital) subject to the following amendments. The provisions made herein and the Model Articles of Association will combine to form the constitution of the company.

1. The objects for which the Company is established are:

1.1 Human Rights Organisation

2. The liability of the Members is limited.

3. The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Company as declared above. The directors undertake to ensure no profit from the company is paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the members of the company.

4. Every Member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of the same being wound up, during the time that he or she is a Member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before the time at which he or she ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding GBP 1.00.

5. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the Members of the Company, but shall be transferred either to some other institution (whether or not a member of the Company) having objects similar to the objects of the Company, or to some institution (whether or not a member of the Company) the objects of which are the promotion of charity or anything incidental or conducive thereto, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution.

6. At General Meetings of the Company, each Member shall be entitled to one vote.

## 12. Appendix 2

**Emails between the office of Crispin Blunt MP and the office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests between 11 August 2021.**

**From: The office of Crispin Blunt MP**

5 **Sent: 11 August 2021 10.31 am**

**To: The office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests**

**Subject: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt**

Crispin needs to make a new declaration of interest in respect of new employment as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians.

10 Registered Address: Office 4, 219 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 6ED. Contact: Tayab Ali, Director.

First payment received on the 4th August 2021 - £3,333.46 in respect of 36 hours work. (The annual stipend will be £25,000).

15 Please let me know if you require any further information in order for the appropriate declaration to appear in the register.

Many thanks.

**From: The office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests**

**Sent: 11 August 2021 12.05 pm**

20 **To: The office of Crispin Blunt MP**

**Subject: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt**

Thank you for this update.

**International Centre of Justice for Palestinians**

25 I have added the details to the Register, but please could you ask Mr Blunt to confirm from his own email account that this role has and will not involve any paid advocacy, as defined in [Chapter 3 of the Guide to the Rules?](#) (We usually catch this declaration in the registration form.)

Also, if this role expected to last for twelve months or more, we can draft an ongoing entry to cover future payments. I have attached the relevant form.

### **Savanta ComRes**

5 Before I add the details, please can I check if these are all expected payments, or if some of them have already been received?

We can only accept the date of the survey for expected payments. We need the date of receipt for any payments that have already come in.

Best wishes

[Name redacted]

10 **Blunt, Crispin (Reigate)**

#### **1. Employment and earnings**

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for surveys:

3 September 2020, received £250. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 November 2020)

15 £200 expected for a survey on 26 November 2020. Hours: 1.5 hrs. (Registered 20 November 2020)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT:

9 February 2021, received £140 for a survey completed on 1 December 2020. Hours: 1 hr. (Registered 04 December 2020; updated 12 March 2021)

20 Payment of £125 expected for a survey completed on 13 January 2021. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 12 March 2021)

Payment of £60 expected for a survey completed on 4 February 2021. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 12 March 2021)

25 Payment of £100 expected for a survey completed on 12 February 2021. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 12 March 2021)

Payment of £120 expected for a survey completed on 29 March 2021. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 30 March 2021)

Payment of £50 expected for a survey completed on 18 May 2021. Hours: 5 mins. (Registered 25 May 2021)

Payment of £120 expected for a survey completed on 16 June 2021. Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 23 June 2021)

- 5 5 January 2021, received £6,000 from Bindmans LLP, 236 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8HB, for chairing a fact finding panel into the detention of Prince Mohammed Bin Nayef and Prince Ahmed Abdelaziz Al Saud. Hours: approx. 60 hrs. (Registered 05 January 2021)
- 10 28 December 2020, received £500 from MASSOLIT Online Education Ltd, 24 Moorland Road, London SW9 8UB, for an interview to be used as part of a video lecture. Hours: 2 hrs. (Registered 07 January 2021)

Payments from Savanta ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for surveys:

June 2020, received £75. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 28 January 2021)

July 2020, received £75. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 28 January 2021)

- 15 September 2020, received £75. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 28 January 2021)

October 2020, received £75. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 28 January 2021)

22 December 2020, received £75. Hours: 15 mins. (Registered 28 January 2021; updated 11 February 2021)

- 20 23 April 2021, received £211.64 from Princeton University, NJ08544, USA, for a talk to post graduate students on 14 April 2021. Hours: 2 hrs including preparation. (Registered 06 May 2021)

A Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians, Office 4, 219 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 6ED:

4 August 2021, received £3,333.46. Hours: 36 hrs. (Registered 11 August 2021)

## 25 **8. Miscellaneous**

From 31 January 2019 until further notice, unpaid Chairman of Conservative Drug Policy Reform Group Ltd (CDPRG Ltd) a company which promotes evidence based drug policy, of 12 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1JP. (Registered 15 February 2019)

**Emails between the office of Crispin Blunt MP and the office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests between 17 August 2021.**

**From: Crispin Blunt MP**

**Sent: 17 August 2021 3.35pm**

5 **To: The office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests**

**Subject: Re: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt**

I am advised by [name redacted] my submission must be in this form:

Dear [name redacted],

10 Thank you for your email to [name redacted] in respect of my employment and earnings and for adding the following new entry to the register:

A Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians, Office 4, 219 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 6ED:

4 August 2021, received £3,333.46. Hours: 36 hrs. (Registered 11 August 2021)

15 I can confirm that this role has and will not involve any paid advocacy, as defined in [Chapter 3 of the Guide to the Rules](#)

Yours sincerely,

Crispin Blunt

I hope that's the bases covered on that one. Stay Belvedere Hotels to follow!!!

20 **From: The office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests**

**Sent: 17 August 2021 4.44pm**

**To: Crispin Blunt MP**

**Subject: Re: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt**

25 Thank you for your email. This inbox is checked regularly, and we aim to respond to all emails within five working days.

For enquiries about APPGs, please email [groupsregister@parliament.uk](mailto:groupsregister@parliament.uk).

See the [Guide to the Rules](#) approved by the House on 17 March 2015 and 7 January 2019 for the rules on registering and declaring interests and paid advocacy.

The [registration forms and guidance](#) are available on the parliamentary intranet.

- 5 If you have a role in an All-Party Parliamentary Group, see also the [Guide to the Rules for All-Party Parliamentary Groups](#).

### 13. Appendix 3

#### ANNEX 1: Relevant emails to Mr Crispin Blunt in 2021

- 10 **From:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Sent:** 12 August 2021 1:16 PM

**To:** The Office of Crispin Blunt MP

**Subject:** RE: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt

Thanks again [Name redacted]

- 15 Set out below is Mr Blunt's updated entry, which will be included in the next online version of the Register of Members' Financial Interests (dated 23 August 2021).

Please continue to let us know of any changes to Mr Blunt's financial interests within 28 days.

I will wait to hear from you about the ICJP entry.

- 20 Kind regards

**From:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Sent:** 17 August 2021 4:36 PM

**To:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Subject:** Re: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt

I am advised by [Name redacted] my submission must be in this form:

Dear [Name redacted],

5 Thank you for your email to [Name redacted] in respect of my employment and earnings and for adding the following new entry to the register:

A Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians, Office 4, 219 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 6ED:

4 August 2021, received £3,333.46. Hours: 36 hrs. (Registered 11 August 2021)

10 I can confirm that this role has and will not involve any paid advocacy, as defined in [Chapter 3 of the Guide to the Rules](#)

Yours sincerely,

Crispin Blunt

I hope that's the bases covered on that one. Stay Belvedere Hotels to follow!!!

15

**From:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Sent:** 17 August 2021 3:45 PM

**To:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Subject:** Re: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt

20 Noted new entry draft. Thank you and I'm happy with it. [**Note from Registrar:** *There was also a survey payment registration, so it is not clear whether Mr Blunt is referring to this payment or his full entry.*]

25 I have also recently been appointed to the advisory board of a company called Stay Belvedere Hotels Ltd, who provide an accommodation service for asylum seekers to Clearsprings who hold one of the 3 regional contracts for the Home Office. I have yet to be paid, but when I am will declare this. Will you require a copy of the contract?

**From:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Sent:** 18 August 2021 3:02 PM

**To:** Crispin Blunt MP

5 **Subject:** RE: New Entry to the Register - Crispin Blunt

Thank you for checking this with us and for the attached declaration regarding your role with the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians.

We will not require a copy of your contract with Stay Belvedere Hotels Ltd.

10 As you will be aware, you will need to register the first payment within 28 days of receipt. But, as there is a firm expectation of being paid for this role, it is open to you to register the details of the role just now. Furthermore, if the contract is for twelve months or more and for a fixed amount of remuneration, you can register an ongoing entry using the attached form. This will save you having to register each payment individually.

15 If your directorship of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians is also expected to last for twelve months or more, you can also register an ongoing entry to cover payments for this role.

I hope this has been helpful, but please let us know if you have any further questions.

20 Kind regards

## **ANNEX 2: Relevant emails to Mr Crispin Blunt in 2021**

Thanks again Mr Blunt

25 If we make no other changes, set out below is your updated entry. This will be included in the next online version of the Register of Members' Financial Interests (dated 8 August 2022).

If possible, I should be very grateful if you would reply to confirm that your full entry is now complete and correct.

Any changes to your financial interests should be registered within 28 days, e.g. if your annual salary or time commitment for this role increases.

Best wishes

**Blunt, Crispin (Reigate)**

**5 1. Employment and earnings**

Payments from Ipsos MORI, 3 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW, for surveys:

£275 expected for a survey completed on 28 July 2021. Hours: 1.5 hrs.  
(Registered 16 August 2021)

10 £225 expected for a survey completed on 7 December 2021. Hours: 1 hr 15 mins. (Registered 24 December 2021)

Payments from YouGov, 50 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT:

Payment of £170 expected for a survey completed on 6 September 2021.  
Hours: 30 mins. (Registered 21 October 2021)

15 Payment of £120 expected for a survey completed on 20 October 2021. Hours: 20 mins. (Registered 21 October 2021)

Payments from Savanta ComRes, 4 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA, for surveys:

1 April 2021, received £75 for a survey in March 2021. Hours 15 mins.  
(Registered 11 August 2021)

20 4 May 2021, received £75 for a survey in April 2021. Hours 10 mins.  
(Registered 11 August 2021)

30 July 2021, received £100 for a survey in July 2021. Hours 30 mins.  
(Registered 11 August 2021)

Payment of £75 expected for a survey on 6 August 2021. Hours 10 mins.  
(Registered 11 August 2021)

25 Payment of £75 expected for a survey completed on 7 October 2021. Hours 25 mins. (Registered 21 October 2021)

A Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians, Office 4, 219 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 6ED:

- 4 August 2021, received £3,333.46. Hours: 36 hrs. (Registered 11 August 2021)
- 29 August 2021, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 5 30 September 2021, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 31 October 2021, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 10 30 November 2021, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 5 January 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 30 January 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 15 1 March 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 31 March 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 20 29 April 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 1 June 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 30 June 2022, received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 25 From 1 July 2022 until further notice, I receive £25,000 per annum, paid monthly. Hours: approx. 12 hrs a month. (Registered 14 July 2022)
- 30 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, Oversight Board Member of Stay Belvedere Hotels Ltd (provider of accommodation services to meet Her Majesty's Government's requirements). Address: 4th Floor, Dudley House, 169 Piccadilly, London W1J 9EH. I receive £15,000 per annum, paid monthly following invoice. First payment received on 17 September 2021. Hours: 128 hrs a year. (Registered 21 September 2021; updated 29 June 2022)

#### 4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Address of donor: Qatar Embassy, 1 South Audley Street, London W1K 1NB

5 Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, internal travel and meals with a value of £7,672.67

Destination of visit: Qatar

Dates of visit: 7-13 October 2021

10 Purpose of visit: British-Qatari APPG visit to meet ministers and officials to discuss Qatar's humanitarian and political response to the Afghanistan crisis, preparations for the World Cup, workers' rights reform and bilateral relations.

(Registered 01 November 2021)

15 Name of donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar

Address of donor: Almirqab Tower, West Bay, Doha, Qatar

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, internal travel and meals with a value of £5,400

Destination of visit: Qatar

20 Dates of visit: 25-28 March 2022

Purpose of visit: Participation at the Doha Forum 2022.  
(Registered 21 April 2022)

25 Name of donor: (1) Catalyst Presents Foundation; (2) Optimi Health Corp; (3) Conservative Drug Policy Reform Group Ltd

Address of donor: (1) 200 1716 16 Ave Nw, Calgary, Alberta, T2M 0L7, Canada; (2) 330 – 1122 Mainland Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 5L1, Canada; (3) 83 Lee Street, Horley RH6 8HD

5 Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Flights, accommodation and subsistence, value £894.97; (2) flights, value £629.84; (3) flight costs, accommodation and subsistence, value £3,456.23

Destination of visit: Canada

Dates of visit: 20-29 May 2022

10 Purpose of visit: To speak at a conference on the role of psychedelics in the treatment of mental health conditions and to further understand Canada's regulatory environment on the access to these medicines for researchers, patients and sufferers, and explore any lessons for the UK. (Registered 24 June 2022)

15 **8. Miscellaneous**

From 31 January 2019 until further notice, unpaid Chairman of Conservative Drug Policy Reform Group Ltd (CDPRG Ltd) a company which promotes evidence based drug policy, of 12 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1JP. (Registered 15 February 2019)

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**From:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Sent:** 14 July 2022 4:58 PM

**To:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Subject:** Re: Updating Register of members interests

25 Yes, that's correct.

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**From:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 4:35 PM

**To:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Subject:** RE: Updating Register of members interests

Thank you Mr Blunt

5 As I mentioned in my previous email, we require the gross amount before any deductions. So would this be correct for each payment:

[date of payment], received £2,083.33. Hours: approx. 12 hrs.

Kind regards

**From:** Crispin Blunt MP

10 **Sent:** 12 July 2022 5:26 PM

**To:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Subject:** Re: Updating Register of members interests

15 Estimated hours for each payment is the same for each monthly payment of the annual salary, which must be 25,000/12, but the precise calculation of deductions through the year is beyond me!

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**From:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022 11:58 AM

20 **To:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Subject:** RE: Updating Register of members interests

Thanks again Mr Blunt

We need the gross amount anyway, so should these all be £2,083.33 (£25,000/12)?

And you will need to provide the number of hours attached to each payment. If this was the same for each monthly payment, we will just put this alongside each one; if they have varied, please enter the number of hours corresponding to each payment.

5 **From:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Sent:** 08 July 2022 10:50 PM

**To:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Subject:** Re: Updating Register of members interests

10 Thank you for your advice. The payments I have received in respect of the annual pre-tax payment of £25,000 pa since the declaration registered on 11th August 2021 have been as follows:

29th August 2021 £1250.13

30th September 2021 £1250.13

31st October 2021 £1085.76

15 30th November 2021 £937.60

5th January 2022 £937.60

30th January 2022 £937.60

1st March 2022 £937.60

31st March 2022 £937.60

20 29th April 2022 £1187.60

1st June 2022 £1187.60

30th June 2022 £1187.60

25 I hope this is a complete return. My apologies for any oversight on my account, as the actual payments after tax and NI are lower than the nominal £25,000 pa and change with misleading regularity!

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**From:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Sent:** Friday, July 8, 2022 3:54 PM

**To:** Crispin Blunt MP

5 **Subject:** RE: Updating Register of members interests

Thank you Mr Blunt

We will not be able to cover the payments to date with an ongoing entry, we can only do this for those going forward.

10 Please could you email us the details of the other payments you have received since 4 August 2021?

Kind regards

**From:** Crispin Blunt MP

**Sent:** 06 July 2022 1:39 PM

15 **To:** The Office of the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests

**Subject:** Updating Register of members interests

Having noted the changes to my declaration proposed following my visit to Canada, I've noticed that my declaration in respect of the following interest needs updating:

20 A Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians,  
Office 4, 219 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 6ED:

4 August 2021, received £3,333.46. Hours: 36 hrs. (Registered 11 August 2021)

25 Those payments represented the first two months of my payments as a Director of the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians. The annual salary is £25,000 gross and is paid monthly less tax and NI. It involves an average of 12 hours a month. The registered address remains the same. Please could you amend my declaration accordingly.