

## MPs' Expenses

This is a breakdown of all the expenses I have claimed on the Second Home Allowance since I was elected in May 2005. Claims have been itemised for ease of reference. I have taken out credit card details as well as names and addresses of people who may not want to be connected to this, such as plumbers, local shops, people who work in my office.

The process of taking out sensitive or personal data to comply with data protection is called 'redaction'. The Fees Office (the office in Parliament which decides on which claims are legitimate and which are not) has redacted receipts. I have left much of this information in (where I bought things, for example) but the receipts still have a grey box over them. If there is anything you find difficult to read, please come and see the hard copies in my office.

I have taken everything to the Derbyshire Times and the Derby Evening Telegraph.

For Office Costs, Staffing and Communications Allowance, please visit [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

MPs receive an annual salary of £64,799. We are reimbursed for travel expenses between Westminster and our constituencies. During sitting times, I am in Parliament from Monday morning to Thursday evening. I travel to Derbyshire every Thursday night and work in North East Derbyshire from Friday morning to Sunday evening. When Parliament is not sitting (recess) I split my time between London and Derbyshire. I used to travel mainly by car but more recently have been going from Westminster to Chesterfield by train and going to London in the car with the family. I travel second class on the train.

I have two homes: one in Streatham in London and one in Barrow Hill in North East Derbyshire. I have three children – two of them have been born since I was elected. I choose to take my children up and down with me. I designate my main home as London because that's where my children go to school and nursery, and where my husband works. My husband is a vet and has his surgery in Streatham.

Until January 2008, my London home was at 72 Dalberg Road, Brixton. We now live at 220 Leigham Court Road, Streatham.

When I was first elected, I lived at 78 Holmley Lane in Dronfield. After the election, we moved to 14 Gomersal Lane in Dronfield. Both were rented. We wanted to make a proper home in Derbyshire, so in March 2006 we started the process of buying a house. We now live at 21 Station Road, Barrow Hill. The house needed total refurbishment (all floors, walls, wiring, plumbing, roof, everything). We re-mortgaged our house in London to pay for around £200,000 worth of renovations. I have not claimed for any of this.

Many of the delivery addresses on the receipts which I have not redacted are to my London address. This is because we were in the process of moving into the house in Barrow Hill and moved items all together once we had full possession of the house. Some of the receipts are in the name of my husband, David Salisbury Jones. We have a joint bank account.

#### Second Home Allowance

The Second Home Allowance, called the 'additional costs allowance' (ACA), is designed to reimburse Members of Parliament for out-of-pocket costs for running a second home. I have only ever had my second home in Derbyshire and have

never 'flipped' my claim. In the first years, I claimed almost the maximum. I furnished some of the house in Barrow Hill but have never claimed for costs that are not directly incurred by me. So, I have claimed for furniture in my bedroom, kitchen and front room, but I have never claimed for beds or furniture for the children, their plates and bottles, for example.

When I cease to be the MP for North East Derbyshire, I will donate all household items bought with the Second Home Allowance to charity.

I have never claimed for food.

I used to claim for rent and now claim for the interest on my mortgage in Barrow Hill. It is a repayment mortgage, so the amount I claim reduces. I doubt that the allowance system will continue beyond now (and I hope that it doesn't), but if it did, the amount would diminish. Most recently, I claimed only for mortgage interest, council tax, utilities and phone bills as I have now set up my second home.

I bought a house in North East Derbyshire because I wanted to make a proper home in the constituency. It also means that year-on-year the mortgage interest reduces whilst rent would rise year-on-year.

If you would like to see the totally unredacted second home allowance forms and receipts to satisfy yourself that I have never changed my second home designation (or 'flipped') please come and see the receipts in my office: 62 Market Street, Eckington S21 4JH, tel: 01246 439018.

#### Staffing costs

I employ one full-time constituency Office Manager and one full-time constituency caseworker who work out of the constituency office in Eckington. I also employ a full-time

researcher in Westminster. I pay them in accordance with House of Commons pay structures.

No-one I employ is in any way related to me. All full-time permanent posts have been advertised and recruited through open selection.

I have, from time to time, employed people on an ad hoc basis to help out with a particular project or to help with casework when the workload has become too heavy.

I have also had some people doing work experience with me. Unless they are still at school and doing work experience as part of their curriculum for a week, I have paid the adult minimum wage. I disagree with unpaid internships.

#### Office Costs

When I was first elected, one of my key pledges was to open a fully-staffed constituency office. The office is open Monday to Friday so that constituents have a point of contact for their casework and questions. The office is extremely busy and both the Office Manager and Caseworker work very hard on my behalf while I am in Westminster.

This means that I claim for office running costs, called 'incidental expense provision' (IEP). Most of these claims are orders for stationery which is ordered on account. Again, if you would like to see details of these claims, please come to the office.

#### Communications Allowance

This was an allowance that was introduced in the last financial year (2007/8) and is designed "to assist in the work of communicating with the public on parliamentary business". The Communications Allowance cannot be used for party political material or electioneering.

PLEASE NOTE: It is possible to transfer some funds between the Staffing budget, Office Costs and the Communications Allowance. This means that some budgets are over the maximum where I have transferred amounts. Please contact me if you would like further details.

I hope that I have covered everything. If you feel that I haven't, please contact me:

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For more general information on all total claims by all Members of Parliament since 2004 can be viewed at <http://www.parliament.uk/about/commons/hocallowances/hocallowances04.cfm>

All redacted receipts for all MPs can be viewed at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)