



LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Written Ministerial Statement

Thursday 19 May 2011

Members' Salaries

Leader of the House of Commons and Lord Privy Seal (Rt Hon Sir George Young Bt MP): During the debate on 21 March 2011, I endorsed the principle of ensuring the fully independent determination and administration of MPs' salaries. This position received support on both sides of the House.

On Tuesday I signed an order to commence Section 29 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 and related consequential provisions. This Order has the effect of transferring to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority responsibility for the determination of members' salaries, finally removing from the House any role in setting the level of Members' pay. The Order will commence the relevant provisions on Tuesday 24 May 2011.

Copies of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2011 (SI 2011 No. 1274 (C. 52)) will be made available in the Vote Office.