REGISTER OF MEMBERS' FINANCIAL INTERESTS
INTRODUCTION TO THE JANUARY 2015 EDITION

This edition of the Register of Members' Financial Interests is the fifth to be published for the Parliament elected in May 2010. It is up to date as at 26 January 2015.

The Register was established following a Resolution of the House of 22 May 1974. The maintenance of the Register is one of my principal duties as Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards under House of Commons Standing Order No. 150.

The Guide to the Rules relating to the conduct of Members sets out the interests which Members must register. The Guide was first agreed in July 1996[1] and revised in May 2002[2], July 2005[3], March 2007[4], and June 2009.[5] It is published under the same cover as the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament.

The main purpose of the Register is to provide information about any financial interest or any other material benefit which a Member receives which might reasonably be thought by others to influence his or her actions, speeches or votes in Parliament, or actions taken in his or her capacity as a Member of Parliament.[6] It is the responsibility of each Member to notify changes in their registrable interests within four weeks of the change occurring.

Members must register interests in twelve categories, which are as set out below. Apart from the specific rules, there is a general obligation upon Members to keep in mind the overall definition of the Register's purpose when registering their interests.

Category	*Descriptor*	*Financial threshold for registration*
1	Directorships	Over 0.1% of annual parliamentary salary (currently £66) for individual payments Over 1% of annual parliamentary salary (currently £660) for total payments of whatever size from the same source in the course of a calendar year[7]
2	Remunerated office, profession, employment etc	As for Category 1
3	Clients	As for Category 1
4	Sponsorships	Over £1,500, either as individual payments, or as total of multiple donations of more than £500 from the same source in the course of a calendar year
5	Gifts, benefits and hospitality (UK)	Over 1% of annual parliamentary salary (currently £660) for benefits of whatever size from the same source in the course of a calendar year
6	Overseas visits	Over 1% of annual parliamentary salary (currently £660) if not

[1] HC (1995-96), HC 688
[2] HC (2001-02), HC 841
[3] HC (2005-06), HC 351
[4] HC Deb (2007-08), 27 Mar cols 382-394
[5] HC (2008-09), HC 735; updated May 2010. This Guide is published with the 2012 Code as HC 1885 of Session 2010-12.
[6] Cf Select Committee on Members' Interests, First Report, Session 1991–92, "Registration and Declaration of Financial Interests", HC 236, paragraph 27.

		wholly borne by Member or public funds. Threshold applies to benefits of whatever size from the same source in the course of a calendar year
7	Overseas benefits and gifts	As for Category 5 NB: donations of more than £500 from an overseas source in connection with political activities, other than under Category 6, are impermissible.
8	Land and property [not used for personal residential purposes]	Value of property: over annual parliamentary salary (currently £66,000) Income derived from property: over 10% of annual parliamentary salary (currently £6,600)
9	Shareholdings	Greater than 15% of issued share capital (on preceding 5 April), or If 15% or less of issued share capital (on preceding 5 April), greater in value than annual parliamentary salary (currently £66,000)
10	Controlled transactions within the meaning of Schedule 7A PPERA (loans, credit facilities and securities)	Over £1,500 for total of donations and loans of more than £500 from the same source in the course of a calendar year
11	Miscellaneous	No threshold
12	Family members employed and remunerated through parliamentary expenses	Over 1% of annual parliamentary salary (currently £660) in calendar year[7]

The Register is published in printed form under the authority of the Committee on Standards soon after the beginning of a new Parliament, and approximately every year thereafter. It is also updated fortnightly online when the House is sitting, and monthly at other times. The Electoral commission draws from the Register the information which they publish about political donations to Members.

The Register is currently available on the Internet via the following link: http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmregmem.htm. Copies of the *Code of Conduct*

[7] The job titles given are those used in payband guidance issued by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority: see http://www.parliamentarystandards.org.uk/IPSAMPs/Pages/HR,-Payroll,-Interns.aspx.

and Guide to the Rules relating to the conduct of Members may be found at http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201012/cmcode/1885/188501.htm. They can also be obtained from The Stationery Office as House of Commons paper No 1885 of session 2010-12.

Free internet access to the Register is available in the Search Room, Parliamentary Archives, London SW1A 0PW, by appointment only (tel. 020 7219 3074), between 10 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday (closed on Bank Holidays and the last two weeks in November).

As Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, I may inquire into allegations that a Member has not registered interests in accordance with the rules of the House. If I resolve the matter through the rectification procedure available under Standing Order No 150, the relevant entries will be printed in bold italics, with an appropriate explanatory note. Entries may also be distinguished in this way at the request of the Committee on Standards, if the Committee considers the matter following an inquiry and memorandum by the Commissioner.

My office is always happy to answer questions about the Register. These should be sent to the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests at the House of Commons, London SW1A OAA or via standardscommissioner@parliament.uk.

Kathryn Hudson
Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

26 January 2015

Part 1

ABBOTT, Diane (Hackney North and Stoke Newington)

2. Remunerated employment, office, profession etc

Fees received for co-presenting BBC's 'This Week' TV programme. Address: BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA: *(Registered 4 November 2013, updated 13 March 2014)*

19 December 2013, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 7 January 2014)*
9 January 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 13 January 2014)*
30 January 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 4 February 2014)*
6 March 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 13 March 2014)*
20 March 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 3 April 2014)*
1 May 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 14 May 2014)*
8 May 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 14 May 2014)*
5 June 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 19 June 2014)*
19 June 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 19 June 2014)*
3 July 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 7 July 2014)*
10 July 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 4 August 2014)*
11 September 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 21 October 2014)*
9 October 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 21 October 2014)*
16 October 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 21 October 2014)*
6 November 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 2 December 2014)*
27 November 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 2 December 2014)*
11 December 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 14 January 2015)*
18 December 2014, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 14 January 2015)*
8 January 2015, received £700. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 14 January 2015)*

23 January 2014, received fee of £2,000 for speaking at Citywealth Power Women Lunch 2014, Address: 26 Bryanston Mews East, London W1H 2DB. Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 4 February 2014)*

30 January 2014, received fee of £1,000 for speaking at Pinsent Masons diversity event, Address: Pinsent Masons LLP, 30 Crown Place, Earl Street, London EC2A 4ES.
Hours: 3 hrs. *(Registered 4 February 2014)*

17 March 2014, received fee of £2,000 for participating in Channel 4's 'Fifteen to One' Television Programme. Address: Remedy Productions, 1-3 St Peters Street, London N1 8JD. Hours: 6 hrs. *(Registered 19 March 2014)*

13 May 2014, received fee of £200 for writing an article for the New Statesman magazine, cover date 9 May 2014. Address: New Statesman, 7th Floor, John Carpenter House, 7 Carmelite Street, London EC4Y 0AN. Hours: 4 hrs. *(Registered 14 May 2014)*

29 May 2014, £500 received for taking part in part of the Selfridges Beauty Project. Address: Intelligence Squared, Newcombe House, 45 Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3LQ. Hours: 4 hrs. *(Registered 3 June 2014)*

4 July 2014, received £2,500, plus the cost of accommodation and flights, for keynote speech at the launch of the Jersey Community Relations Trust's Women in Politics series. Address: Jersey Community Relations Trust, PO Box 681, St. Helier, Jersey JE4 0NL. Hours: 48 hrs. *(Registered 7 July 2014)*

14 October 2014, received £1,000 for speaking at the Ilkley Literary Festival. Address: Clive Conway Productions, 32 Grove Street, Oxford OX2 7TJ. Hours: 4 hrs. *(Registered 21 October 2014)*

15 October 2014, received £2,000 for speaking at the BNP Paribas Black History Month event. Address: BNP Paribas UK, 10 Harewood Avenue, London NW1 6AA. Hours: 4 hrs. *(Registered 21 October 2014)*

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by the party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: Unite the Union
Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobald's Road, Holborn WC1X 8TN
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 3 April 2014)

(b) Support in the capacity as an MP:

Name of donor: BM Creative Management Ltd
Address of donor: 4th Floor, Aldwych House, 81 Aldwych, London WC2B 4HN
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000
Date of receipt: 9 July 2014
Date of acceptance: 9 July 2014
Donor status: company, registration 05635995
(Registered 1 August 2014)

6. Overseas visits

Name of donor: Antigua Trades and Labour Union
Address of donor: 46 North St, PO Box 3, St Johns, Antigua
Amount of donation (or estimate of the probable value): flights and accommodation with an estimated value of £5,380
Destination of visit: Antigua
Date of visit: 17 to 21 January 2014
Purpose of visit: To speak at an event marking the 75th anniversary of the Antigua Trades and Labour Union, to take part in training event for trade union officials, and to meet with elected representatives including the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition
(Registered 6 February 2014)

7. Overseas benefits and gifts

See my entry in Category 2.

ABRAHAMS, Debbie (Oldham East and Saddleworth)

4. Sponsorships

(a) Donations to my constituency party or association, which have been or will be reported by my party to the Electoral Commission:

Name of donor: UNISON North West
Address of donor: Arena Point, 1 Hunts Bank Manchester M3 1UN
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: printing of newsletter and leaflets (value £2,269)
Donor status: Trade Union
(Registered 8 January 2014)

8. Land and Property

Joint ownership with my daughter of terraced house in Nottingham