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Dear Sir / Madam,

Consultation on proposed amendments to the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Tax Chamber) Rules 2009

The new arrangements for MPs' expenses will give important powers to the Compliance Officer for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA).

The First-tier Tribunal is to deal with appeals from current Members of Parliament or former Members of Parliament against certain decisions by the Compliance Officer. **Appeals in MPs' expenses cases** will be made to the Tax Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal.

The main purpose of this consultation is to seek views on changes to the Tribunals Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Tax Chamber) Rules 2009 ("Tax Chamber Rules") in order to provide for these appeals. **The consultation also seeks views on minor changes affecting all cases in the Tax Chamber.**

An electronic copy of the consultation document and the rules can be found on the Tribunal Procedure Committee website at <http://www.tribunals.gov.uk/Tribunals/Rules/tribunalprocedurecommittee.htm>

The Tribunal Procedure Committee is the independent body that makes Rules that govern practice and procedure in the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal. It is chaired by Mr. Justice Walker, who is a Judge of the High Court of England and Wales and is also President of the Administrative Appeals Chamber of the Upper Tribunal with UK-wide jurisdiction. Members of the Committee are appointed by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice of England & Wales and the Lord President of the Court of Session. The Lord Chancellor's appointments include a member nominated by the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council.

We welcome written feedback on the proposals within our consultation. Please respond by email to **Vijay Parkash** by letter to the address above or by completing the questionnaire on the Tribunal Procedure Committee web-site at <http://www.tribunals.gov.uk/Tribunals/Rules/tribunalprocedurecommittee.htm>.

We welcome feedback from as wide a range of people as possible and to ensure maximum awareness of the consultation, we should be grateful if you would forward details as you see appropriate. The consultation runs from the **28 June 2010** and closes on **09 August 2010**. Whilst the Committee will consider all responses received by the closing date, it would greatly assist the Committee to have responses before then if possible.

We look forward to receiving your comments and to hearing your views on the proposals.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Walker
Chairman Tribunal Procedure Committee