

## DIANA WALLIS PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES 2009

### *Travel*

Members are entitled to a travel and subsistence allowance in respect of the days on which they participate in meetings of official Parliament bodies. Such participation must be attested by signing either the attendance register open in the meeting room, or, during part-sessions in Strasbourg and Brussels, the attendance register in the Chamber.

Diana Wallis' total allowance for travel in 2009 was **€94,771.85**. This includes weekly travel to and from Strasbourg (twelve times a year) and/or Brussels, travel and hotel during delegation trips and speaking engagements around Europe and beyond. It also includes the use of taxis.

The European Parliament provides Members with detailed information about their travel expenses on request only. The details concerning Diana Wallis' travel is presented here in the complex style in which it is calculated:

Travel Costs: €45,235.36

Daily allowance paid: €38,442 (€298 per day of participation in meetings of official Parliament bodies to cover accommodation in Brussels and Strasbourg amounting to 129 days)

Distance allowance: €5,423.55

Duration allowance: €2,644.75

Travel costs for official travel: €1,721.83

Hotel costs reimbursed outside Strasbourg/ Brussels: €636.31

Taxis to/from airport: €224.90

Taxis to/from airport Brussels/Strasbourg: €69

Taxi to/from station: €40

Other taxi fares reimbursed: €334.15

**Total: 94,771.85**

### Diana Wallis' outside engagements: 2009

#### As Vice- President of the European Parliament:

*2nd - 4th April:* To give keynote speech on "Participation, democracy and the role of civil society in the EU", Helsinki, Finland

*14th - 15th May:* To chair ERA seminar on cross-border mediation, Trier, Germany

*9th - 13th July:* To attend conference in Potocari at Srebrenica massacre remembrance event, and give speech at Sarajevo University, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*11th - 13th September:* To attend conference on The Arctic Region in the 21st Century, Quebec, Canada

*17th - 19th September:* To partake in Ministerial Conference on the Baltic Sea Strategy, Stockholm, Sweden

*23rd - 25th September:* To visit the Bulgarian European Parliament information office, the Bulgarian Parliament and liaise with Bulgarian Parliamentarians

*22nd - 27th October:* To attend ERA Governing Board Meeting, Trier, Germany

*2nd - 3rd November:* To meet with director of Cercle Polaire Michel Rocard, at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss Arctic Policy, Paris, France

*3rd - 5th November:* To speak at a Global Democracy event as part of the EP official delegation, on Transparency issues and EU citizenship, Washington, USA

*26th - 27th November:* To present the European Citizen Award on behalf of the European Parliament at a ceremony in Bilbao, Spain

As a member of the Legal Affairs Committee:

*16th - 17th February:* To speak at a conference on e-justice organized by the Czech Presidency of the EU, Prague, Czech Republic

*5th November:* To give opening speech at ERA conference 'From Tampere and the Hague to the Stockholm Programme' and to chair session on 'Facilitating recognition and enforcement' Trier, Germany

*6th November:* To give keynote speech at an international symposium on the enforcement of civil judgments, Heidelberg, Germany

*2nd - 3rd December:* To speak at ERA Seminar "Access to EU Justice: the role of the national Judge" Berlin, Germany

*10th December:* To give lecture on property law at University of Maastricht, Netherlands

As a Member of the ALDE Group:

*8th - 11th February:* ALDE working visit to Iceland and Norway

*5th - 6th March:* To attend ALDE Bureau meeting and meet the Slovene Minister of Justice to discuss judicial training, Ljubljana, Slovenia

***General Expenditure***

In 2009 Members received a flat-rate allowance of up to €4,202 per month (or around £3,500 depending on the variation in the exchange rate) which is chiefly intended to cover office management expenditure, phone bills, postage, the purchase, management and use of IT equipment, and travel by Members within their own Member State. Diana Wallis received a total amount of **€46,222** in 2009, or the

equivalent of 11 months general allowance, while the full amount available to her would have been €50,424 if the 12 months had been claimed.

In accordance with the LDEPP Guidance Note on Use of Members' Allowances, an independent annual account of this allowance covering the year 2009 will be produced and filed with the delegation whip, Chris Davies, following an independent audit. A summary of this account will be available here shortly.

### *Staff*

Each Member is entitled to a parliamentary assistance allowance to cover expenses arising out of the employment or use of the services of one or more assistants whom the Member may choose. The total secretarial allowance available for 2009 was **€212,288.13** of which Diana Wallis has left a total of **€45,530.86 unclaimed**. This money was used to pay salaries and expenses of 1 full-time and 1 part-time assistant (for part of the year) in the constituency; 1 full-time and 1 part-time assistant in Brussels; and 1 further assistant working between the two locations.

One of Diana's assistants is her husband Stewart Arnold (please see her Declaration of Financial Interests for 2009 on her Transparency page). He is employed on a salary band of £20-25,000 gross for the UK 2009 tax year.

During the course of the year, Diana Wallis also used this allowance to pay 1 trainee from Leeds for 4 months. She also has a further Brussels-based assistant specifically assigned to assist her in her responsibility as a Vice-President of Parliament who is paid directly by Parliament as a temporary agent.

Diana Wallis' staff's salaries are not dealt with by herself. According to the new Statute for Assistants of the European Parliament which entered into force on 14 July 2009 to create a more transparent system, the contracts of, and salary payments to, the Brussels-based assistants are handled by the Parliament's financial services. The handling of contracts of and payments to local assistants working in the Member States are carried out by qualified and duly recognised payroll organisations in those countries, according to the Statute. In Diana Wallis' case, they are handled by an independent paying agent in the constituency who receives the allowance from Parliament, makes payments to local staff, and produces a yearly account to Parliament's services.