

Sharon Bowles MEP

MEP expenses

for the year ended 31 December 2008

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We have reviewed the accounts of Sharon Bowles, Liberal Democrat Member of the European Parliamentary Party for South East England for the year ended 31 December 2008, as set out on page 2. We confirm that, in our opinion, they comply with the rules on the use of allowances as set out in Article 13 of the European Parliament rules governing the payment of expenses and allowances to a Member, and the guidance note on the use of expenses adopted by the European Parliamentary Party.



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		£	£
Travel and ancillary costs	Car running costs	3,930	
	Travel & subsist	<u>8,064</u>	11,994
Office running costs	Business rates	4,659	
	Cleaning	480	
	Electric charges	313	
	Gas	571	
	Water	52	
	General Repairs	<u>798</u>	6,873
Office equipment	Desk & chairs		300
Telephone	Mobile	1,002	
	Telephones	<u>1,753</u>	2,755
Postage			4,907
Office supplies			2,128
Books, periodicals, newspapers			Nil
IT equipment, maintenance & consumables			9,142
Total expenses claimable			<u>£ 38,099</u>
MEP expenses allowance received			£ 34,754

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Notes on the accounts of MEP expenses for the year to 31 December 2008

The office premises used for MEP business were rent free for the year ended 31 December 2008.

The office premises were shared in the year with the partnership run by Sharon Bowles and Andrew Horton. 50% contribution to the utility and related expenses were claimed – being the approximate portion of the premises used for MEP business

Car fuel for business and repairs only are included in the expenses. No contribution has been claimed for insurance or the capital cost of the vehicle.

These accounts have been reviewed independently by Harts and summarised, based on the information supplied. No audit has been prepared.