

Overseas representative travel by officeholders: April 2015 - March 2016

Lord Speaker					
Event	Travel*	Accommodation	Accompanying staff	Subsistence cost	Purpose
16th Meeting of the Association of European Senates The Hague May 2015	£260.69	EUR 198.75 (1 night)	3	Nil	The Association of European Senates is a conference of the presiding officers of upper chambers in Europe. Attendees share experience and best practice, to explore and optimise the role of the upper chamber in the bicameral parliamentary system.
10th Meeting of Women Speakers and 4th World Speakers Conference of the IPU New York Aug-Sept 2015	£113.95 (airport parking only - flight costs were met by the British Group-Inter Parliamentary Union (BG IPU))	Costs met by BG IPU	2	£126.21	The Women Speakers Conference is a meeting of female presiding officers, at which ideas and experience on gender issues in parliaments are shared. The World Speakers Conference is a forum for all presiding officers, intended to encourage interparliamentary dialogue and cooperation. The theme of this Conference was the role of Parliament in peace, democracy, and development and the agreement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
Bilateral visit to the Canadian Parliament (The Lord Speaker travelled from New York to Ottawa) Sept 2015	£161.70	£201.11 (2 nights)	2	£63.87	The Lord Speaker was invited by the Speaker of the Senate of Canada, to discuss parliamentary security, restoration and renewal, and outreach and communications. The Lord Speaker also met with delegates of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.
Bilateral visit to the Moroccan Parliament Sept-Oct 2015	£860.75	£421.99 (3 nights)	2	£48.25	The Lord Speaker was invited by the President of the House of Councillors to exchange best practice in the light of Morocco's 2011 constitution, with specific regard to supporting new members of Parliament and implementing codes of conduct. The Lord Speaker also met with representatives of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and of civil society.
Bilateral visit to the Slovenian Parliament February 2015	£423.98	£101.64 (1 night)	2	£8.54	The Lord Speaker was invited by the President of the National Council to discuss the bicameral principle, and the role of national parliaments in the EU. The Lord Speaker also met with the President of Slovenia.

* From place of work/home and return

Chairman of Committees (when representing the House on behalf of the Lord Speaker)

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EU Speakers Conference Rome (L Sewel) April 2015	£344.55	£726.28 (3 nights)	0	£176.85	The EU Speakers Conference is a forum for exchanging opinions, information and experiences among EU Speakers, on topics related to the role of parliaments and the organisation of parliamentary functions, as well as for the promotion of research activities and common action
Tynwald day Isle of Man (L Sewel) July 2015	£216.32	Paid by Tynwald (3 nights)	1	Nil	In response to an invitation from the President of Tynwald, the Chairman attended the Isle of Man Parliament's outdoor sitting where Acts are promulgated and petitions for redress are presented. The Chairman also used the opportunity to explain the work of the House of Lords to students from local schools.
23rd Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth Sabah, Malaysia (L Laming) January 2016	£2,814.15	£359.64 (4 nights)	1	Nil	This conference is intended to promote knowledge and understanding of parliamentary democracy and to develop parliamentary institutions within the Commonwealth. The Chairman hosted a session on parliamentary security and reported outcomes to the plenary, and shared best practice and experience on induction of new parliamentarians.

The Chairman of Committees typically only travels overseas when representing the House on behalf of the Lord Speaker.

Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees (when representing the House on behalf of the Lord Speaker)

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Nil return	-	-	-	-	-

The Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees also travels in his capacity as Chairman of the EU Select Committee. Details of this travel are available here:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/lords/work-of-the-house-of-lords/lords-select-committees/committee-visits/>

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