

Former Ministers and Prime Ministers (Abolition of Payments) Bill

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Bill to prevent certain non-statutory payments being made by the Government to former Prime Ministers; to abolish the payment of grants to persons ceasing to hold ministerial offices; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Payments to persons ceasing to hold office of Prime Minister

- (1) Subject to the exceptions in subsections (2) and (3), no funds are to be paid out of money provided by Parliament for the purpose of making a payment to a person who ceases to hold the office of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury. 5
- (2) This section does not apply in relation to payments to which the person has a statutory entitlement under any other enactment.
- (3) This section does not apply to payments made for the purpose of reimbursing expenditure incurred by a former Prime Minister in the course of them fulfilling public duties, where such expenditure— 10
 - (a) is authorised by the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) does not exceed £500 in any financial year.

2 Grants to persons ceasing to hold ministerial and other offices

- (1) Section 4 (Grants to persons ceasing to hold ministerial and other offices) of the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991 is repealed. 15
- (2) Section 13 (Grants to persons ceasing to hold certain Ministerial and other offices) of the Parliamentary Pensions etc. Act 1984 is repealed.

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed. 20

- (3) This Act may be cited as the Former Ministers and Prime Ministers (Abolition of Payments) Act 2023.

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