

The Lord Hayward OBE
House of Lords

7 July 2025

Dear Robert,

Following your questions during the Oral Question on Peers' Entrance, I am writing to clarify the position regarding the cost of the staff member who is manually operating the pod at Peers' Entrance. I can confirm that the resource costs associated with operating Peers' Entrance have been met from existing staff pools and departmental budgets. No new staff were recruited for this purpose and there was no additional cost to the House or to the taxpayer. It is normal within an operation the size of the Parliamentary Security Department to be able to temporarily reassign resources in this way without causing a wider negative impact. This is a temporary arrangement while a permanent solution is identified for the operation of Peers' Entrance.

I am copying this letter to the Clerk of the Parliaments, as he is the Accounting Officer and Corporate Officer, and I am placing a copy in the Library as I said in my response to you on 2 July.

Yours sincerely,
John

Lord Gardiner of Kimble
Senior Deputy Speaker