

# Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission

Supporting safe and respectful workplaces for parliamentarians and  
Commonwealth Parliamentary workplaces.



## Lawyers and legal assistance

Can I engage a legal practitioner during an IPSC investigation?

Yes. You can engage a legal practitioner to provide you with advice about an IPSC investigation.

If you are required to attend an interview you are entitled to have your legal practitioner attend with you, but it is not a requirement.

Can I disclose confidential information about an IPSC investigation to my legal practitioner?

Yes. If you are issued with a confidentiality notice, you are still permitted to disclose information to your legal practitioner to obtain legal advice or representation in relation to a matter that is before the IPSC.

Can I access Commonwealth-funded legal assistance for an IPSC matter?

Parliamentarians and *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* employees required to participate in a matter before the IPSC should contact the relevant insurer or decision-maker, as appropriate, regarding the availability of legal assistance.

If you are unsure about whether you can access this legal assistance, please contact us on [enquiry@ipsc.gov.au](mailto:enquiry@ipsc.gov.au) or 1800 014 772 (1800 01 IPSC).

Individuals may also seek private legal advice at their own cost.