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MPs Face Questions Over Undeclared Visit Organised by Pro-Israel Group

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Two Members of Parliament are facing scrutiny over the delayed declaration of a trip to Israel organised by a pro-Israel parliamentary group. The visit, arranged by Labour Friends of Israel (LFI), was funded by external donors and involved high-level meetings with Israeli officials. The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards is now reviewing the timeline of the MPs' disclosures.

According to public records, the trip took place in May and was worth approximately £2,600 per attendee. Parliamentary rules require MPs to declare all benefits and travel support

within 28 days. While some declarations appear in the official register of interests, questions have been raised about whether all disclosures were made within the proper timeframe.

Labour Friends of Israel, the group behind the visit, is a longstanding parliamentary organisation that advocates for strong UK-Israel relations. Though legal and common in Westminster, trips funded by external donors must be registered promptly and transparently to avoid conflicts of interest.

The MPs reportedly met with members of Israel's government, including officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other parliamentary figures. However, exact details of those meetings have not been officially confirmed in public sources.

A spokesperson associated with the visit has suggested that any delay in registration may have been due to an administrative oversight. At the time of writing, no formal breach of rules has been concluded, and the Commissioner's inquiry remains ongoing.

This case follows broader scrutiny of parliamentary groups and lobbying-related travel. All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) and externally funded delegations are subject to heightened attention, especially when foreign policy is involved.

Labour Friends of Israel maintains that such delegations are vital for building diplomatic understanding and fostering international partnerships. However, transparency in how such trips are disclosed remains a key concern for parliamentary ethics.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards is an independent office tasked with upholding MPs' conduct, including the declaration of financial interests. No official statement has yet been made regarding any disciplinary action in this case.

As this matter continues to develop, it highlights the ongoing debate around lobbying transparency, parliamentary travel, and accountability within Westminster.