# Chancellor Rachel Reeves investigated over late declaration of theatre tickets



Rachel Reeves, the Chancellor, is currently under investigation by the parliamentary standards watchdog following an issue regarding the declaration of complimentary theatre tickets. The inquiry arises from her failure to declare the tickets, which she received for an event at the National Theatre during the Christmas period, within the required timeframe. It has been reported that she has referred herself to the parliamentary commissioner for standards in light of this oversight.

The specific incident involves four tickets valued at approximately £276, which Ms Reeves officially registered on March 27, 2025, despite having attended the event on December 27 the previous year. While she managed to declare the same attendance on her ministerial register punctually, the delay in registering the donation in the MPs' register has raised concerns.

According to the parliamentary code of conduct, Members of Parliament are obligated to report any financial interests and must update these records within a period of 28 days. A spokesperson for Ms Reeves affirmed that the Chancellor's interests are "fully declared and up to date".

This investigation comes amid a series of challenges for Ms Reeves, who has faced criticism for various policy decisions, including the imposition of inheritance tax on farmers. Her acceptance of complimentary tickets to events, such as a concert by Sabrina Carpenter, has drawn public attention as well.

The situation reflects ongoing scrutiny of MPs' adherence to ethical standards, particularly concerning the registration of benefits received in the course of their public duties. The outcome of this investigation could have implications for Ms Reeves’s public standing and her role within the Labour Party and Parliament.

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