Assembly Member Salaries

16/11/2012

Request for Information.

Thank you for your requests received on 19 October. I have produced a joint response here to the two requests that you made to the Assembly on the same subject.

I request to know what were the total salaries paid to all politicians in the Welsh assembly and the Welsh government in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?.

Total salaries paid to Assembly Members and Office Holders in the years 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, and 2011/12, can be found published in the National Assembly Annual Resource Accounts which are published annually on the Assembly's website.

These reports can be accessed from the following link, but please let me know if you would like me to send you hard copies.

http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about_uscommission_assembly_administration/about_uscommission_publications/about_us-annual-reports.htm

Section 7a on page 45 of the 2011/12 Accounts contains a table of total costs of Assembly Member salaries. You will find similar tables in the reports for the previous years, (2010/11 accounts, go to page 42, 2009/10 accounts go page 38, 2008/09 accounts for to page 39, and on the 2007/08 report click on the link to 'statement of accounts' and then on the link for 'Notes to the resource accounts,' the total can be found under section 6a.)

Information for 2005/06 and 2006/07 relates to the period before the separation of the National Assembly for Wales from the Welsh Government, and these are provided on the Welsh Government website.

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http://wales.gov.uk/about/civilservice/directorates/spfp/wgaccounts/consan lrptandaccts2005-2006/?lang=en

The information you require for 2006/07 is available at this link, on page 48 http://wales.gov.uk/about/civilservice/directorates/spfp/wgaccounts/consan/lrptandaccts2006-2007/?lang=en

The National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board determination on Members Pay and Allowances sets out the pay entitlement's for Assembly Members, you can view salary entitlements in Chapter three of this document, which is on the website at the following link, http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/pay-expenses-financial-interests-standards/mem-expenses-2.htm

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. The code is published on our website at http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about_us-commission_assembly_administration/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm
If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you believe that I have not applied the Code correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, you may make a formal complaint to the Chief Executive and Clerk at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay. Details of the Assembly's complaints principles are set out in the Code of Practice on Complaints available on the Internet at http://www.assemblywales.org/conhome/con-complaint.htm. Please advise me if you wish to receive a printed copy.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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