Finance Committee

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol **Cymru** National Assembly for **Wales**



12 November 2015

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received 20 October in which you asked:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information, and I would like a copy of:

- I. All of the organisations' that were invited to provide evidence to the Finance Select Committee;
- *II.* A list of all organisations that were not invited but did provide evidence to the Finance Select Committee;
- III. The number of individuals that were invited to provide evidence, but had no affiliation to any organisations that provided evidence to the Finance Select Committee;
- *IV.* The number of individuals [Stakeholders that had previously used the Public Ombudsman Office for Wales] that were not invited but provided evidence to the Finance Select Committee;
- V. A list of all media forums [Please can you name the newspapers] where it was advertised that the Finance Select Committee ;
- VI. A copy of all the minutes from the meetings in regard to the evidence discussed about the extra powers being by the Public Ombudsman's Office for Wales.
- VII. Also you have some statements on the website that are in Welsh; I would like a copy of these in English.

The information you have requested is provided below:

I. All of the organisations that were invited to provide evidence to the Finance Select Committee;

See the attached spreadsheet for a list of the organisations that were invited to provide evidence to the Finance Committee.

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II. A list of all organisations that were not invited but did provide evidence to the Finance Select Committee;

The organisations that were not invited, but did provide evidence were:

- Citizens Advice Cymru
- Dr Richard Kirkham, School of Law, University of Sheffield
- Independent Sector Complaints Adjudication Service
- Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
 - III. The number of individuals that were invited to provide evidence, but had no affiliation to any organisations that provided evidence to the Finance Select Committee;

Three individuals provided written evidence.

All consultation responses were published to the Committee's webpage: http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=166

This element of your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means. So, we will not be providing this information separately.

IV. The number of individuals [Stakeholders that had previously used the Public Ombudsman Office for Wales] that were not invited but provided evidence to the Finance Select Committee;

No recorded information is held. The Finance Committee does not have information on who has previously used the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' services.

V. A list of all media forums [Please can you name the newspapers] where it was advertised that the Finance Select Committee;

The Finance Committee published its consultation on its webpage, promoted it via social media and a press release was issued. The consultation was not specifically advertised in any newspapers.

VI. A copy of all the minutes from the meetings in regard to the evidence discussed about the extra powers being by the Public Ombudsman's Office for Wales.

Committee	Meeting date	Minutes	Record
Finance Committee	21/01/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	04/02/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Children, Young People and Education Committee	05/02/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Environment and Sustainability Committee	11/02/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	25/02/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	05/03/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	11/03/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	19/03/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	25/03/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	29/04/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	13/05/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>
Finance Committee	15/07/2015	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Record</u>

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The following translations are available as annexes:

- <u>Annex A</u> PSOW 11 Welsh Language Commissioner (internal translation)
- <u>Annex B</u> PSOW 39 Anne Carys Jones (internal translation)

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

Buddug Saer Freedom of Information and Project Support Officer National Assembly for Wales 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.

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