

Clerking and Research staff numbers

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Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 16 August in which you asked:

Hi, I am trying to get a sense of numbers of Senedd staff--in particular, the number of clerks (eg., the Clerk, those serving committees the plenary, the Commission etc) and the number of Senedd research service staff.

Is it possible to get a breakdown of numbers of clerks and Senedd research staff in 1) 2000, 2) 2010, 3) 2015, and 4) currently (2018 or 2019)?

I know that there are details in the Commission annual reports and accounts, but there is no breakdown of types of staff.

Please see the response below, broken down into numbered sections.

1. Breakdown of numbers of clerks and Senedd research staff in 2000

We do not hold accurate information for this period.

The National Assembly for Wales was established as a single corporate body in 1999. Following the coming into force of the Government of Wales Act 2006, the corporate body was split into the Welsh Assembly Government (now the Welsh Government) and the National Assembly for Wales.

In 2000, committee staff were employees of the wider corporate body. The Library, Information and Briefing Service, as it was known in 2000, was part of, and managed alongside, the existing library in what is now the Welsh Government's office building CP1 in Cathays Park.

Therefore, we do not hold information on the number of clerks and research staff for the year 2000.

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2. Breakdown of numbers of clerks and Senedd research staff in 2010

Due to a change in HR systems and transfer of raw data, it is not possible to provide accurate information for this period.

However, according to records held, there were 35 members of staff working in the Research Service and 54 members of staff working across both the Chamber Committee Service and the Policy and Legislation Committee Service during the 2009/10 period.

3. Breakdown of numbers of clerks and Senedd research staff in 2015

Please see the figures below:

Post	Number
Clerks	12
Second Clerk	11
Deputy Clerk	17
Plenary Clerk	2
Other Committee posts	14
Committee Administration	7
Total	63

Post	Number
Senior Research	16
Higher Research	5
Other Research	10
Research Administration	4
Library	6
Total	41

Overall total*	104
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*The overall total includes staff running Plenary and the Table Office, who do not work directly in supporting committees.

4. Breakdown of numbers of clerks and Senedd research staff in 2019

Please see below:

Post	Number
Clerks	15
Second Clerk	13
Deputy Clerk	17
Plenary Clerk	1
Other Committee posts	16
Committee Administration	13
Total	75

Post	Number
Senior Research	17
Higher Research	7
Other Research	12
Research Administration	2
Library	7
Total	45

Overall total*	120
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*The overall total includes staff running Plenary and the Table Office, who do not work directly in supporting committees.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
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