



Members' Tea Room

26 February 2021

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 21 January in which you asked:

- 1. What is the operating cost for the member's tea room for the last period for which information is available (and please specify the period).s the members' tea room used by Senedd members only? If not, who else other than members can use it and can they buy or consume alcohol there?*
- 2. What hours is alcohol available for members to purchase in the members' tea room? Please provide the price list for alcoholic drinks.*
- 3. Are members able to claim for the cost of alcohol purchased in the members' tea room (or other licenced areas within the Senedd) for their own consumption as an expense? Is so, please provide the amounts claimed as an expense by members for (i) all refreshments in the members tea room (ii) alcohol purchased in the members tea room - for 2020 and 2019.*
- 4. Aside from the members' tea room, is there anywhere else within the Senedd where alcohol is served?*

Please see our response to your request below.

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The Members' Tea Room service is provided as part of the catering services to the whole Senedd estate (staff canteen, Senedd tearoom and public café). We do not hold data for

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the Members' Tea Room as a separate operational cost. The cost for the catering services for the Senedd for the last operational year was as follows:

2019-20	£346,000
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The Members' Tea Room is available to Members only and their guests but occasional use by others if approved in advance by the Llywydd/Chief Executive.

- 2. What hours is alcohol available for members to purchase in the members' tea room? Please provide the price list for alcoholic drinks.*

The Senedd introduced a policy in September 2014 that no alcohol would be provided or served on the estate before 18:00.

When the Senedd estate is fully open, the Tŷ Hywel Members' Tea Room is open during term time for services to Members including food, snacks, beverages and alcohol on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from the end of plenary to 21:00. The Tea Room can also be open on Thursday evening subject to request and demand for services.

The tariff for alcoholic drinks is below:

Members Tea Room Tariff	
Beers / Lagers	£3.55
Bottled Welsh Beer	£3.55
Bottled Welsh Cider	£3.55
Wine Large Glass	£3.45
Wine Small Glass	£2.90
Bottle House Wine	£14.95
Spirits (single)	£2.40
Mixer	£0.95

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A Member cannot claim for any alcoholic drinks, as set out in paragraph 4.5.6 of the **Determination**.

4. *Aside from the members' tea room, is there anywhere else within the Senedd where alcohol is served?*

Other than as described above, alcohol is only served, if required, on the Senedd estate for evening events and again only after 18:00. This normally consists of wine to accompany buffets and formal dinners.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager
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