

## **Members Pension Scheme**

9 October 2024

## **Request for Information.**

Thank you for your request received on 23 September in which you asked:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Members of the Senedd Pension Scheme (scheme).

Please provide the following:

- (i) A list of companies in which the scheme directly holds shares, and the market value of each holding.
- (ii) A list of the various investment funds in which the scheme invests both the name of each fund, and the investment manager who deals with it.
- (iii) A list of companies invested in by the investment funds that the scheme holds funds in, providing the market value of each underlying investment.

  Understanding that the value of shares and bonds held indirectly fluctuate frequently, simply the latest information you already have on this will be fine.
- (iv) total market value of the scheme's investment portfolio.

Please see our response below.

The Senedd Commission ('Commission') is the corporate body which provides the property, staff and services required for the Senedd's purposes. The Commission administers the Members Pension Scheme.

The Commission holds information relating to the Members Pension Scheme on behalf of the Trustees of the Members Pension Scheme. Under section 3(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) 'information is held by a public authority if—

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E-bost/Email: <u>Ceisiadau-gwybodaeth@senedd.cymru</u> <u>Information-request@senedd.wales</u> (a) it is held by the authority, otherwise than on behalf of another person'.

Information held by the Commission on behalf of another person (in this case on behalf of the Trustees) is not 'held' by the Commission for the purposes of the FOIA. In the circumstances, the Commission is unable to disclose this information.

If you wish to request disclosure of the information in question by the Trustees you may wish to contact them directly at the following address, bearing in mind, however that the Trustees are not a 'public authority' under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and would therefore not be under any legal obligation to comply with the FOIA requests.

The Scheme Secretary
Members Pension Scheme
c/o Pensions Team
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Cardiff Bay
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There is further information in the <u>Scheme's Annual Report and Accounts</u>. The latest version is published on the internet <u>mps-trustee-report-and-accounts-2023-24-final-web-unsigned.pdf</u> (senedd.wales)

Yours sincerely

Buddug Saer Freedom of Information Manager Welsh Parliament Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the <u>Code of Practice on Public Access to Information</u>. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

## Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Parliament's handling of your request, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Manager at:

## Information-request@senedd.wales or in writing to

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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:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF