

Members of the Senedd – Office Expenditure

24 August 2023

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 14 August in which you asked:

Hello, I am an A-Level student working on my welsh bacc dissertation and i was wondering if you could provide the numbers on office expenditures for Members of Senedd for 2021-present or as good as you can get

Please see our response below.

All expenses claimed for by Members of the Senedd (MSs) are published on the **Allowance Publication System**.

In order to find this information on our **allowances system**, please follow these instructions:

- 1. Select the financial years/months you wish to search.
- 2. To select a specific Member of the Senedd, select 'MEMBER PICKER' and view the list of previous and current Members and select the specific Member(s).
- 3. To select the specific expense type, select the 'ALLOWANCE TYPE PICKER', select allowance type and select the allowance you wish to see information on. (If you do not select any allowance type, then every claim for that period and Member will be displayed).
- 4. Select 'Search'

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E-bost/Email: <u>Ceisiadau-gwybodaeth@senedd.cymru</u> <u>Information-request@senedd.wales</u> All claims are published on our allowances system **three months in arrears** and will show in the financial year to which the cost relates. If you are unable to follow these instructions, please let me know.

As this information is already available, your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

The rules surrounding what MSs are entitled to claim are contained within the **Determination**.

The **Independent Remuneration Board** of the Senedd makes independent decisions on the level of remuneration and system of financial support for Members which enables them to perform their Members' duties. These provisions are set out in the Board's published **Determination**.

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:

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