



Additional Members of the Senedd

1 December 2023

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 9 November in which you asked:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2004:-

What is the projected cost of adding potentially new 36 members to the Senedd, in terms of annual salaries, expense claims etc? Also what additional costs would be entailed in the recruitment and salaries of new staff to support these new members?

Additionally could you please advise if they will be housed within the Senedd or whether a new building or a refurbished one will be required, and if so the extra cost for that too?

Please find our response below.

The document containing this information is published on the Senedd website. For convenience, we are providing a link for you.

The projected costs and other requested information are available in the Regulatory Impact Assessment, which is contained in the **Explanatory Memorandum** to the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill.

As this information is already available, your request is subject to section 21 of FOIA which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

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Yours sincerely

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Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the **Code of Practice on Public Access to Information**. 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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