

Cost of an Assembly Member

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Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 18 March in which you asked:

- 1. How much does it cost to fund a single member of the assembly (an AM) This total should include salaries of an AM and their support staff*
- 2. It should also include average expenses costs of an AM and support staff*

Please find a response to your requests below.

- 1. How much does it cost to fund a single member of the assembly (an AM) This total should include salaries of an AM and their support staff*

An Assembly Member's (AMs) salary is currently £66,847. It was set at £64,000 at the start of the Fifth Assembly and is indexed to average earnings in Wales (see para 3.9, page 11 of the [Determination](#)). Some AMs may be eligible for further salaries if they hold one of the additional offices, such as a Ministerial appointment or Committee Chair position, listed in paragraph 3.1.4 of the Determination.

For 2017-18, the cost of Members' staff costs is published in our [annual report](#) (see page 155). The 2018-19 [annual report](#) will be published in July.

- 2. It should also include average expenses costs of an AM and support staff*

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All AMs expenses are published via an [online](#) database. If you need detailed instructions on how to search, please let me know.

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

Support staff expenses are not published therefore the total cost for 2018-19 was £42,262.05. We cannot provide you with an average figure as each AM employs varying numbers of staff.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
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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 Assembly'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:

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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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