Pension Scheme

5 October 2015

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received 24 September in which you asked:

The names of the Ministerial Pension Funds and the companies the fund invest in.

A Ministerial Pension Fund does not exist. All Assembly Members contribute to the National Assembly for Wales Members' Pension Scheme.

The National Assembly for Wales ('the Assembly') holds information relating to the Assembly Members' Pension Scheme on behalf of the Trustees of the Members' Pension Scheme.

Under section 3(2) of the Freedom of Information Act '*information is held by a public authority if*—
(a) *it is held by the authority, otherwise than on behalf of another person*'.

So, information held by the Assembly on behalf of another person (in this case on behalf of the Trustees) is not to be regarded as 'held' by the Assembly for the purposes of the Act. In the circumstances, the Assembly 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 and would therefore not be under any legal obligation to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests.

The Scheme Secretary National Assembly for Wales Members' Pension Scheme

> Bae Caerdydd Caerdydd CF99 1NA

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Further information regarding the Members' Pension Scheme is published on the National Assembly for Wales's website at:

http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/mem-paypensions/mem-pay

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. The code is published on our website at http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about_us- commission_assembly_administration/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Buddug Saer Freedom of Information and Project Support Officer National Assembly for Wales

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you believe that I have not applied the Code correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, you may make a formal complaint to the Chief Executive and Clerk at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay. Details of the Assembly's complaints principles are set out in the Code of Practice on Complaints available on the Internet at

http://www.assemblywales.org/conhome/con-complaint.htm. Please advise me if you wish to receive a printed copy.

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