Senedd Cymru Welsh Parliament



Voting System

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:-

If the voting system for the Senedd is to be changed with 36 potentially new members, can you please advise the cost of changing the system so that voters may only choose which party to vote for rather than individual members?

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.

Yours sincerely

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E-bost/Email: <u>Ceisiadau-gwybodaeth@senedd.cymru</u> <u>Information-request@senedd.wales</u> 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.

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