

Pension arrangement for a former Assembly Member

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Dear

Request for Information.

I refer to your request received on 02 November in which you asked,

I want to know the pension arrangement that was agreed for the former Assembly Member Ron Davies, when he left the assembly in 2003.

I understand that he received an enhancement in the form of an ill health pension because of his medical situation at that time. I further understand that the presumption of an ill health pension is that the person involved is not able to continue in that work and will not return to it.

Given that Ron Davies stood for the European Elections in 2004, the Assembly Elections in 2007, and is now a candidate for the 2011 Assembly Elections, can you confirm whether Ron Davies is still in receipt of this ill health pension. If so, then what steps have been, or are being, taken to review the appropriateness of this continuing payment.

If he is not in receipt of an ill health pension payment anymore then please tell me when it ceased.

Information regarding the Members Pension Scheme is published on the National Assembly for Wales web site at

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

The National Assembly for Wales holds information relating to the Pension Fund on behalf of the Trustees of the Members' Pension Scheme. Under the terms of the agreement between the Assembly and the Trustees it is not open to the Assembly to disclose information held on behalf of the Trustees voluntarily.

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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 Act and would therefore not appear to be under any legal obligation to provide the information.

The Scheme Secretary
National Assembly for Wales Members' Pension Scheme
c/o National Assembly for Wales
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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. The code is published on our website at <http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm> If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me.

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
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Yours sincerely

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