Welsh Language

18/12/12

Request for Information

Thank you for your request received on 17 December in which you asked,

I wish to enquire as to the percentage/number of assembly members who are fluent in the Welsh language.

The Assembly Commission does not gather or hold this information. The Commission provides full bilingual facilities to support the work of the Assembly, so any Member is able to work in Welsh or English. Records of Plenary and committee meetings illustrate this and can be viewed at the following links on the Assembly website.

The Plenary Record of Proceedings <u>http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber-fourth-assembly-rop.htm</u>

Committee proceedings can be found on the pages under each Committee, which are listed at this link http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1

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

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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

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