

# Alcoholic refreshment

21 November 2013

## Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 28 October in which you asked,

*Please disclose how much money was spent on alcoholic refreshment for National Assembly Members and staff in September 2013.*

*Also, please indicate the amount spent broken down by beverage type: wine (excluding champagne), champagne, beer, spirits.*

No money was spent during September 2013 by Assembly Members and Assembly Commission staff on alcoholic refreshment.

Events that take place on the Assembly estate (Tŷ Hywel, the Senedd or Pierhead) are sponsored by Assembly Members and any hospitality is usually paid for by the external organisations and not by the Assembly Commission.

Neither Assembly Members nor Assembly Commission staff are entitled to claim and be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages under the Subsistence policies.

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](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  
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Water Lane  
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