



## Cabinet Reshuffle

9 October 2024

### Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 19 September in which you asked:

*I read with interest your recent Cabinet reshuffle and new appointments and noticed that you had appointed Mr Mark Drakeford as your Finance Minister. I would like to know if Mr Drakeford is drawing his private pension from WAG as well as now being paid as Finance Minister. If so could you please let me know how much is being paid as pension and salary.*

Please find our response below.

We hold no information in relation to any private pensions from the Welsh Government that may be available to Mark Drakeford MS. This would be a matter for the Welsh Government so please email [Freedomofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedomofinformation@gov.wales) to request the information from them.

### **Welsh Government, Senedd Cymru and the Senedd Commission**

Headed by the First Minister of Wales, the Welsh Government is responsible for areas such as local government, environment, business, economy, health, housing, education, language, culture and tourism and public services. It decides how and where to spend its budget, creates and implements policies and proposes new laws. A proportion of that budget is passed down to local authorities to run their services.

The First Minister is nominated by the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers and deputy Welsh Ministers are selected by the First Minister, not the Senedd.

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The Senedd (Senedd Cymru or Welsh Parliament) is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales (on matters not reserved to the UK Parliament), agrees Welsh taxes and holds the Welsh Government to account. The Senedd Commission is the corporate body that provides the property, staff and services required for the Senedd's purposes.

### ***Pension information***

The Senedd Commission administers the Scheme, and the Pension Board of the Members of the Senedd Pension Scheme has discretion, in certain circumstances, over who receives certain benefits as set out in the **Rules of the Scheme**.

There is further information in the **Scheme's Annual Report and Accounts**. The latest version is published on the internet **mps-trustee-report-and-accounts-2023-24-final-web-unsigned.pdf (senedd.wales)**

The Members Pension Board is independent from the Senedd Commission and not subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), therefore, we hold no recorded information in relation to the pension element of your request.

For your information, serving Members of the Senedd cannot draw down their pension.

### ***Salary information***

The **Independent Remuneration Board** of the Senedd makes independent decisions on the level of remuneration and system of financial support for Members which enables them to perform their Members' duties. These provisions are set out in the Board's published **Determination**.

All Members receive a salary in accordance with provision made by the Board, as set out in the **Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances** (Chapter 3, Table 1). Additionally, some Members hold additional offices, including as First Minister and Welsh Ministers. Table 1 in the Determination also covers salaries for office holders, including the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, who is paid as a Welsh Minister. The Senedd Commission is required to pay the salary set by the Board.

As this information is already available, or partially available, your request is subject to section 21 of the FOIA which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Manager**  
**Welsh Parliament**

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the **Code of Practice on Public Access to Information**. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Parliament's handling of your request, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Manager at:

**Information-request@senedd.wales** or in writing to

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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:

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