Assembly Members Support Staff

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Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 24 August in which you asked,

Since Janet Finch Saunders has being elected as Assembly Member for Aberconwy in 2011, how many staff has she employed both in Cardiff at the Senedd & also in Llandudno at her constituency office to the present date?

The <u>Determination</u> on Members Pay & Allowances states that an Assembly Member may claim an allowance for up to three full time equivalent staff ('FTEs'). This equates to 111 hours of permanently employed staff per week, on a full or part time basis. Temporary staff may also be employed for up to six months in addition to permanent staff.

The table below gives the total number of individuals employed by Janet Finch-Saunders AM since May 2011 on a temporary and permanent basis, both in Cardiff Bay and in Llandudno.

Permanent staff employed since May 2011	14
Temporary staff employed since May 2011	13
Total	27

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