

Register of Donors

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Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received 28 September in which you asked:

I am making a request to see the list of donors for every sitting Assembly Minister in the current Senedd. All those official groups who donated to election campaigns and/or research into legislation once the AM has taken his/her seat would be graciously received.

The National Assembly for Wales ('the Assembly') is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales, and holds the Welsh Government to account.

You mentioned Assembly Ministers in your request. There is a Welsh Government whose members are the First Minister, Welsh Ministers, the Counsel General and Deputy Welsh Ministers; they are referred to collectively as the Welsh Ministers.

Ministers are covered by a Ministerial Code, and the code requires certain information to be published.

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/code2011/?lang=en>

For Assembly Members (AMs), the rules differ slightly. Under Section 36 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 2 require the National Assembly to maintain and publish a Register of Members Interests of AMs.

This Register is available on our website -

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/memhome/pay-expenses-financial-interests-standards/Pages/mem-register.aspx>

Chapter 6 of the [Guidance on the Registration, Declaration and Recording of Members' Interests](#), relates specifically to your request.

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg/We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh

As this information is available on our website your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Finally, the Electoral Commission (the independent elections watchdog and regulator of party and election finance), publishes detailed information on its website in relation to donations to political parties
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Buddug Saer
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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:

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