



Complaints

3 May 2023

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 3 April in which you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding complaints made about Members of the Welsh Parliament.

a) During the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, how many complaints were lodged before the Senedd Commission regarding the conduct of Members of Senedd Cymru?

Please, I'd like the information split by political party, and if possible, categorized by the nature of the complaint (sexual misconduct, violence, threatening behaviour, bullying, for example)

b) For the complaints identified, what of the outcome of any action on those complaints? For example: No further action, independent investigation, referring the matter to the police, suspension of a member and so on.

We, the Senedd Commission, hold no recorded information in relation to your request.

The Senedd Commissioner for Standards is an independent and impartial provider of advice on any matter relating to conduct of Members of the Senedd, and is an independent investigator of complaints alleging that Members of the Senedd have breached any Code, Protocol or resolution of the Senedd which applies to them.

Whilst the Senedd is a public authority under the Freedom of Information Act, the Standards Commissioner is not. As such, he is under no legal obligation to provide the

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information. However, you may be interested in the [Annual Reports](#) which are available on the Standards Commissioner's website.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager
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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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