



Total cost of Members of the Senedd

23 November 2022

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 24 October in which you asked:

Could you please inform me what was the average total cost of MS's in 2021 ie (total/60).

The totals should include Pay, Pension, Travel, accommodation, staff constituency offices and any other costs

Please find our response to your request below.

Pay and Pension

The average cost of a Member of the Senedd (Member) in the financial year 2020-21 was £264,000, and in 2021-22 was £262,000. This includes the contributions to the Members' pension scheme which is made by the Commission.

Travel, accommodation and other costs

The average cost of all expense claims for 2020-21 was £20,426.55 and for 2021-22 was £21,979.73.

The Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances for the Sixth Senedd (Number Two) - March 2021 sets out each of the allowances which is available to Members.

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If you wish to see a breakdown of these expenses, they are all published on the **Members' Allowances**.

In order to find this information, please follow these instructions:

- i. Select the financial year you wish to search.
- ii. To select a specific Member, select 'MEMBER PICKER' and view the list of previous and current Members and select the specific Member(s). If you wish to search the system for all Members, please leave this blank.
- iii. To select the specific expense type, select the 'ALLOWANCE TYPE PICKER', select 'Travel, Office Cost Allowance, etc.'. Select 'Toggle all' and every allowance will be selected.
- iv. Click 'Search'

All claims are published on our allowances system three months in arrears and will show in the financial year to which the cost relates. If you need any help to follow these instructions, please let me know.

Support Staff

The average cost of support staff salaries, per Member, in 2020-21 was £97,334.75, and in 2021-22 was £76,140.92.

Since April 2019, the Senedd Commission has published the annual staffing expenditure of each Member. The publications pertaining to 2021 can be found via the following links.

[2020-21-Staffing-en.xlsx \(senedd.wales\)](#)

[2021-22-Staffing-en.xlsx \(senedd.wales\)](#)

Yours sincerely

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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?

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