

Cost of Operating the Assembly

4 April 2019

Request for Information.



Thank you for your request received on 11 March in which you asked:

I would like to know the annual cost of operating the Assembly for 2017/18 broken down as follows

- 1. Individual AM salary costs*
- 2. Individual AM expenses*
- 3. Total costs of support staff*
- 4. Total maintenance costs of Senedd*
- 5. Total energy costs of Senedd*
- 6. Total of fees paid to external consultants*

Our responses to your requests are provided below.

1. Individual AM salary costs

An Assembly Member's salary is currently £66,847. It was set at £64,000 at the start of the Fifth Assembly and is indexed to average earnings in Wales (see para 3.9, page 11 of the [Determination](#)). Some Members may be eligible for further salaries if they hold one of the additional offices, such as a Ministerial appointment or Committee Chair position, listed in paragraph 3.1.4 of the Determination.

Committee Chair membership can be determined by viewing Assembly Members [profiles](#).

As this information is already available 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.

2. Individual AM expenses

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All AMs expenses are published via an [online](#) database. If you need detailed instructions on how to search, I would be happy to send you detailed instructions.

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3. Total costs of support staff

This is published in our 2017/18 [annual report](#) (page 155)

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4. Total maintenance costs of Senedd

Total maintenance costs for the Senedd was £355,932.

5. Total energy costs of Senedd

Total energy costs for the Senedd was £104,178.55.

6. Total of fees paid to external consultants

The total fees paid to external consultants was £185,442.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
National Assembly for Wales**

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 Assembly'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@assembly.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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