

Declaration of Interest

15 February 2017

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received 24 January in which you asked:

Please could you provide the following information under a Freedom of Information Request in relation to Janet Finch-Saunders, Assembly Member:

- 1. How many domestic properties has Janet Finch-Saunders declared that she owns or has an interest in?*
- 2. How many declaration of interests has Janet Finch-Saunders made in Assembly meetings? Please list them.*
- 3. Please provide details of any rent arrears/missed payments/council tax arrears that Janet Finch-Saunders has had during her tenure as Assembly Member.*
- 4. Please provide details of any speeding/parking fines/fixed penalty notices that Janet Finch-Saunders has declared since her tenure as Assembly Member.*
- 5. What has Janet Finch-Saunders declared as her total annual income?*

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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 Assembly Members (AMs).

Janet Finch-Saunders AM Register of interests is published on our [website](#).

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AMs are required to register any relevant interests within eight weeks of taking the oath or affirmation and also register within four weeks any changes to those interests. Section 36(7)(a) of the Government of Wales makes it an offence for any Member to participate in proceedings of the Assembly without having registered a relevant interest as specified in the Annex to Standing Order 2.

As this information is already published, 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. How many declaration of interests has Janet Finch-Saunders made in Assembly meetings? Please list them.

The Record of Proceedings is a substantially verbatim transcript of the proceedings of the National Assembly's Plenary meetings. It records what was said (i.e. any declaration of interests made by AMs) as well as what was decided. You are able to search the Record of Proceedings and all Committee transcripts via our [website](#).

Janet Finch-Saunders may also have made a declaration of interest during committee proceedings. She is currently a member of the following committees:

- [Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee](#)
- [Petitions Committee](#)

As she was an AM during the Fourth Assembly, you may wish to search the committees during this period. Again, this is information published on our [website](#).

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3. Please provide details of any rent arrears/missed payments/council tax arrears that Janet Finch-Saunders has had during her tenure as Assembly Member.

We do not hold the information requested.

4. *Please provide details of any speeding/parking fines/fixed penalty notices that Janet Finch-Saunders has declared since her tenure as Assembly Member.*

We do not hold the information requested.

5. *What has Janet Finch-Saunders declared as her total annual income?*

We do not hold the information requested for the AMs total annual income, but the Remuneration Board is an independent Board, set up in 2010 to look at Assembly Members' pay and allowances. You will find further information under *Chapter 3: Members' Remuneration* of the [Determination](#).

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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. 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

**Freedom of Information Manager
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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.assembly.wales/en/help/contact-the-assembly/con-complaint/Pages/con-complaint-procedure.aspx>. 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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