

# Ministerial Code Information Publication: Fourth Assembly

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**OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY MINISTERS IN 2011-12 COSTING MORE THAN £500 PER TRIP**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose of Trip</b>	<b>Mode of Travel</b>	<b>Number of accompanying officials (Private Office and policy)</b>	<b>Total Cost of travel and accommodation (£)</b>
<b>Carwyn Jones</b>	23/6/11	Brittany	Address Regional Council of Brittany	Ferry and Official	3 (1 PS and 2 drivers)	750 (excludes fuel)
	6/9/11	New Zealand	Promotion of Wales overseas	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	14,222
	22/10/11	Beijing	Promotion of Wales overseas	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	8,323
	12/1/12	Dublin	British Irish Council Meeting	Scheduled flight	1 PS 3 Policy	1,228
	27/2/12	Brussels	Various engagements	Train and scheduled flight	1 PS	1,456
	7/3/12	New York	Promotion of Wales overseas	Scheduled flight	1PS 1Policy	13,946
<b>John Griffiths</b>	28/8/11	Quebec	Attend Nrg4SD Assembly	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	4,554
	20/10/11	Brussels	Visit to IVAGO Waste Management Plant/Meetings with European Stakeholders	Eurostar	3 Policy	1,561
	8/3/12	Brussels	Environment Council meeting	Scheduled flight and train	1 PS	1,589
<b>Huw Lewis</b>	13/10/11	Stockholm (via Amsterdam)	Heritage and regeneration visits	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,365
<b>Alun Davies</b>	23/6/11	Brussels	RegioStars Awards and MEP Meetings	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,579
	18/9/11	Brussels	Agriculture and Fisheries Council	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,563
	19/10/11	Luxembourg	Agriculture and Fisheries Council Meeting	Scheduled flight	-	1,077 (Ministers flight only)
	12/12/11	Brussels via Paris	Meetings with MEPs/Rapporteur	Scheduled flight (to	1 Policy	2,373

		and Strasbourg	rs (Strasbourg) Agriculture and Fisheries Council (Brussels)	Paris); Train to Strasbourg; Train to Brussels; Schedule d flight to UK		
	22/1/12	Brussels	Agriculture and Fisheries Council Meeting	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,502

### Notes

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Total cost of all Ministers' visits overseas in 2011-12: £57, 896

**GIFTS RECEIVED BY MINISTERS IN 2011-12 ON BEHALF OF THE WELSH GOVERNMENT VALUED AT MORE THAN £260**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Retained by Welsh Government</b>	<b>Purchased by Minister</b>
None Received				

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY MINISTERS IN 2012-13 COSTING MORE THAN £500 PER TRIP**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose of Trip</b>	<b>Mode of Travel</b>	<b>Number of accompanying officials (Private Office and policy)</b>	<b>Total Cost of travel and accommodation (£)</b>
<b>Carwyn Jones</b>	10/04/12	India	Promote Wales overseas	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	11,958
	16/01/13	Istanbul	Develop international relations	Scheduled flight	1 PS	4,125
	10/02/13	San Francisco	Develop international relations	Scheduled flight	1 PS 2 Policy	25,316
	28/02/13	Brussels and Barcelona	St David's Day visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS	2,252
<b>Edwina Hart</b>	19/06/12	Barcelona	Meetings with Catalan Government and companies	Scheduled flight	2 Policy	1,218
	17/01/13	Oslo	Develop international relations	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,205
	28/02/13	Los Angeles	St David's Day visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1SpAd	15,779
<b>John Griffiths</b>	31/05/12	Copenhagen	Meetings with European Environment Agency and Danish Government Minister	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1SpAd 1 Policy	1,681
	15/06/12	Rio de Janeiro	Attend World Summit on Sustainable Development	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	14,619
	03/12/12	Doha, Qatar	Attend United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1Policy	7,664
<b>Huw Lewis</b>	27/02/13	Beijing and Chongqing	Development of Wales-	Scheduled flight	1 PS	5,858

			China links			
<b>Leighton Andrews</b>	09/12/12	Paris	Meeting with OECD	Eurostar	2 Policy and Deputy Minister	1,964
<b>Alun Davies</b>	25/04/12	Luxembourg	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Scheduled flight	None	781
	13/05/12	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	930
	11/06/12	Luxembourg	Attend Fisheries Council meeting	Scheduled flight	None	707
	17/06/12	Luxembourg	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,625
	25/06/12	Luxembourg	Attend General Affairs Council meeting	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,908
	06/09/12	Milan	Trade Mission to promote Welsh lamb	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,096
	10/09/12	Strasbourg	Meeting with MEPs	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,476
	18/09/12	Dublin	Meetings with Irish Ministers and project visits	Scheduled flight	2 Policy	724
	23/09/12	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Scheduled flight	None	546
	20/10/12	Paris and Luxembourg	Sial International Food Fair (Paris) & AgriFish Council meeting (Luxembourg)	Scheduled flights	1 Policy	1,449
	19/11/12	Brussels	Attend General Affairs Council	Eurostar	1 Policy	1,060

			meeting			
	28/11/12	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Eurostar	1 Policy	1,337
	10/12/12	Strasbourg	Attend European Parliament plenary	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	2,633
	17/12/12	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Scheduled flight	None	566
	27/01/13	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council meeting	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	2,283
<b>Gwenda Thomas</b>	05/11/12	Brussels	Meet MEPs, attend Autism Wales Reception & European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1Policy	992

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**GIFTS RECEIVED BY MINISTERS IN 2012-13 ON BEHALF OF THE WELSH GOVERNMENT VALUED AT MORE THAN £260**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Retained by Welsh Government</b>	<b>Purchased by Minister</b>
Carwyn Jones	Replica Ryder Cup trophy	Unknown	On display in First Minister's Room	
John Griffiths	Ornamental silver collar	£300	On display in Minister's room	



**OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY MINISTERS IN 2013-14 COSTING MORE THAN £500 PER TRIP**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose of Trip</b>	<b>Mode of Travel</b>	<b>Number of accompanying officials (Private Office and policy)</b>	<b>Total Cost of travel and accommodation (£)</b>
<b>Carwyn Jones</b>	18/09/13	Brussels	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Press Officer	3,408
	06/01/14	Uganda	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 SpAd 1 Policy	15,524
	24/02/14	USA	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Press Officer 1 Policy	23,474
<b>Edwina Hart</b>	10/06/13	Tokyo	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS 2 Policy	6,494 (travel only, excluding policy official costs)
	28/06/13	Moscow	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	3,752 (travel only, excluding policy official costs)
	22/07/13	Colorado	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	6,849 (travel only)
	07/08/13	Dusseldorf and Berlin	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flights	1 PS 1 Policy	2,197 (travel only, excluding policy official costs and internal transfer costs)
<b>Jane Hutt</b>	12/06/13	Brussels	Meetings with European Commission and UKREP	Train	2 Policy	737
	18/09/13	Brussels and Luxembourg	Meetings with European Commission, Wales House, UKREP (Bxl) and European Investment Bank (Lux)	Train and scheduled flight	1 PS 3 Policy	3,816
	05/03/14	Brussels	Host St	Train	1 PS	1,128

			David's Day Brussels event, meetings with UKREP and Wales House		2 Policy	
	31/03/14	Brussels	Meeting with Regional Policy Commissioner, attend RegioStars Awards for Welsh EU funded project.	Train	1 PS 1 Policy	863
<b>Ken Skates</b>	24/11/13	Brussels	Ministerial Meetings	Train	1 PS 1 Policy	2,541
<b>Alun Davies</b>	12/05/13	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council	Train	1 SpAd	684
	23/06/13	Luxembourg	Attend AgriFish Council	Scheduled flight	1 SpAd 1 Policy	1,421
	22/09/13	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council	Train	1 SpAd	562
	15/12/13	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council	Train	1 SpAd	728
	17/02/14	Brussels	Attend AgriFish Council	Train	1 SpAd	984
	25/02/14	Dubai	Attend <i>Gulfood 2014</i>	Scheduled flight	1PS 1 Policy	4,326 (excluding policy official costs)
	02/03/14	Brussels	Attend Environment Council	Train	1 SpAd	728
<b>John Griffiths</b>	28/05/13	Venice	Attend Venice Biennale	Scheduled flight	1 PS	1,947

	03/08/13	Lorient, France	Attend Lorient Interceltic Festival	Ferry and Car	1 PS 2 drivers*	897
	16/12/13	Paris	Attend Environment Council Meeting	Train	1 PS	1,121

\*2 drivers were used for health and safety reasons and to minimise the overall length of the visit.

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Total cost of all Ministers' engagements overseas in 2013-14: £84,772

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY MINISTERS IN 2014-15 COSTING MORE THAN £500 PER TRIP**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose of Trip</b>	<b>Mode of Travel</b>	<b>Number of accompanying officials (Private Office and policy)</b>	<b>Total Cost of travel and accommodation</b>
<b>Carwyn Jones</b>	24/06/14	Brussels	NATO Reception	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Press Officer	2,554
	22/07/14	Montreal	Visit to promote Canada- Wales relations	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Press Officer	17,967
	16/08/14	Brussels	Attend the Dedication of Langemark memorial	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Press Officer	1,324
	28/10/14	India	Visit to promote India-Wales relations	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Press Officer 1 Policy	12,441
	25/02/15	Washington and New York	Visit to promote USA-Wales relations	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 SpAd 1 Press Officer 1 Policy	28,934
<b>Edwina Hart</b>	28/05/14	Naples	Visit to promote business in Wales	Scheduled Flight	1 Policy	882
	23/07/14	Barcelona	Visit to promote business in Wales	Scheduled Flight	1 PS	1,144
	26/10/14	Tokyo	Visit to promote business in Wales	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	19,934
	26/02/15	Barcelona	Hosting St David's Day event	Scheduled Flight	1 PS	2,570

<b>Jane Hutt</b>	08/09/14	Brussels	Cohesion Forum meeting	Train	1 PS 2 Policy	1,145
	24/10/14	Amsterdam	Remembrance Service	Scheduled Flight	None	571
	13/11/14	Dublin	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual event of the Ireland –Wales Project	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 2 Policy	1,025
	04/03/15	Brussels	St David's Day Reception	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 2 Policy	1,202
<b>Huw Lewis</b>	10/04/14	Paris	OECD Education Policy Committee meeting	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 2 Policy	1,577
<b>Mark Drakeford</b>	03/04/14	Brussels	EU Summit and Meetings	Eurostar	1 PS 1 Policy	1,139
	27/06/14	Dublin	British Irish Council meeting and visits	Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	531
<b>Ken Skates</b>	18/09/14	Geneva	Euro 2020 Draw	Scheduled Flight	1 PS	1,140
<b>Rebecca Evans</b>	19/10/14	Paris	SIAL Exhibition	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 2 Policy	2,265
	25/01/15	Brussels	AgriFish Council	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	1,950
	25/02/15	Dubai	St David's Day event and promotion of Wales abroad	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	11,686
	15/03/15	Brussels	Agri Council	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	1,123
<b>Alun Davies</b>	14/04/14	Dubai	World Green Economy	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	11,516

	15/06/14	Luxembourg	AgriFish Council	Scheduled Flight	1 PS 1 Policy	2,252

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Total cost of all Ministers' engagements overseas in 2014-15: £128,429

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<b>Minister</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Retained by Welsh Government</b>	<b>Purchased by Minister</b>
None				

**PUBLISHED LIST OF MINISTERIAL INTERESTS  
2015**

**Welsh Government  
2015/16**



## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Ministerial Code**

1. Under the terms of the Ministerial Code, Ministers must ensure that no conflict arises, or could reasonably be perceived to arise, between their Ministerial position and their private interests, financial or otherwise. It is the personal responsibility of each Minister to decide whether and what action is needed to avoid a conflict, or the perception of a conflict, arising and to be ready to defend those decisions, if necessary by accounting for them in the Assembly.
  
2. The role of the Permanent Secretary is to ensure that advice on conflicts of interest is available when it is sought by the Minister, either by providing it personally, drawing on precedent or by securing the services of relevant professionals within the Welsh Government.
  
3. In paragraph 5.3 of the Welsh Government Ministerial Code, on appointment to each new office and for each new subsequent financial year, Ministers must provide the Permanent Secretary with a full list in writing of all interests which might be thought to give rise to a conflict. In particular, the list should cover the Minister's personal interests and those of a spouse or civil partner, of children who are minors, of trusts of which the Minister or a spouse or civil partner is a trustee or beneficiary, or of closely associated persons. The list should also cover any relevant non-financial private interests such as links with outside organisations, and previous relevant employment or business relationships.
  
4. In particular, the list to be provided to the Permanent Secretary should cover:
  1. financial interests (liabilities as well as assets);
  2. directorships and shareholdings;
  3. partnerships or other business interests;
  4. property which is rented or leased out and any property which Ministers might be renting or leasing on preferential terms;
  5. any sponsorship received from a Trade Union;
  6. public appointments to which paragraph 5.20 of the Code does not apply (and which therefore in principle can be retained);
  7. links with charities;
  8. Details of any dispute with, or investigation by, HM Revenue and Customs;
  9. Any other relevant interests.

## **Publication**

5. The Welsh Government has a commitment to publish an annual list of Ministerial Interests. The published list here follows the same format and coverage as that used for the Cabinet Office list of Ministerial Interests.

6. The Permanent Secretary, in agreement with Ministers, will identify those interests that are deemed to be relevant to Ministers' Ministerial responsibility and record these on an annual published list of interests. The published list sets out those interests currently held by the Ministers concerned, or their close family members, which are additional to those already disclosed in the Assembly Members Register and which are, or might reasonably be perceived to be, directly relevant to Ministers' Ministerial responsibilities. The list also provides details of charities where a Minister is a trustee or patron.

7. The published list is not an account of all the interests or financial arrangements held by a Minister or members of their close family. It is a list of any such interests which are, or might reasonably be perceived to be, directly relevant to that particular Minister's public duty. Shareholdings are not listed where they are considered to be de minimus in nature.

8. Where no information is shown for a Minister, all information held is already in the public domain.

<b>Rt Hon Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales</b>		
7. Any links with charities as a trustee, member or patron.		President – Air Training Corp Bridgend President – Cor Bro Ogwr Officer of the Order of St John – St John’s Ambulance
9. Any other relevant interests		Member of Amnesty International Member of Ramblers Association Member of Youth Hostel Association Member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Honorary Vice President – Cardiff Business Club Patron – Kenfig Hill Choir Vice President – Bridgend Male Voice Choir Patron – Penarth Angling Club
<b>Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport</b>		
<b>Mark Drakeford, Minister for Health &amp; Social Services</b>		
<b>Huw Lewis, Minister for Education and Skills</b>		
<b>Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Government Business</b>		
4. Property which is rented or leased out		Property owned in Cardiff which is rented by a family member.
9. Any other relevant interests		Member of Labour Grassroots
<b>Leighton Andrews, Minister for Public Services</b>		
5. Any sponsorship received from a Trade Union		Sponsorship received from USDAW, UNITE, UNISON, GMB and CWU.
10. Interests of Spouse, Partner or close family member		Spouse – Board Member of Academi Wales Advisory Board Spouse – Advisor for Severn Trent Water Plc
<b>Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty</b>		
<b>Carl Sargeant, Minister for Natural Resources</b>		
<b>Theodore Huckle QC, Counsel General</b>		
4. Property which is rented or leased out		Property part owned in France Property part owned in Cardiff Bay

9. Any other relevant interests	Member - Association of Personal Injury Lawyers Wales Executive Member of the Personal Injury Bar Association Bencher of Lincoln's Inn (from May 2012) Member - Amnesty International Member - Howard League for Penal Reform
<b>Vaughan Gething, Deputy Minister for Health</b>	
4. Property which is rented or leased out	Property in Cardiff
7. Any links with charities as a trustee, member or patron.	Member - National Childbirth Trust Patron - SEF Cymru Homework Club Vice President - Penarth Sea Cadets
9. Any other relevant interests	Honorary Member – British Veterinary Association
<b>Ken Skates, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism</b>	
7. Any links with charities as a trustee, member or patron.	Trustee – Pantymwyn Village Hall
10. Interests of Spouse, Partner or close family member	Brother employed by Welsh Government in Economy, Skills and Natural Resources Group.
<b>Rebecca Evans, Deputy Minister for Farming and Food</b>	
7. Any links with charities as a trustee, member or patron.	Patron – Churches Tourism Network Wales Champion – Internet Watch Foundation Patron – Policy Forum for Wales Member – Disability and Industrial Society Advisory Board Affiliate Member – Wales Observatory on Human Rights of Children and Young People Member – Bevan Foundation
<b>Julie James, Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology</b>	
5. Any sponsorship received from a Trade Union	Sponsorship received from TSSA and GMB

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<b>Minister</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Retained by Welsh Government</b>	<b>Purchased by Minister</b>
First Minister	2 Tickets Wales V Uruguay, RWC.	£350.00	First Minister attended the game.	

**OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY MINISTERS IN 2015-16 COSTING MORE THAN  
£500 PER TRIP**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose of Trip</b>	<b>Mode of Travel</b>	<b>Number of accompanying officials (Private Office and policy)</b>	<b>Total Cost of travel and accommodation (£)</b>
<b>Carwyn Jones</b>	18/06/15	Dublin	British Irish Council	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 SpAd 1 Press Officer plus Deputy Minister, Vaughan Gething	1,831
	25/07/15	Patagonia	Ministerial Visit	Scheduled flights	1 PS 1 Press Officer 1 Policy	23,968
<b>Edwina Hart</b>	15/06/15	Paris	Paris Airshow	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,252
<b>Carl Sargeant</b>	01/07/15	Lyon	World Summit Climate and Territories	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	1,445
	03/12/15	Paris	Conference on United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	Train and scheduled flight	3 Policy	5,852
<b>Jane Hutt</b>	15/07/15	Luxembourg	Meeting with the European Investment Bank	Scheduled flight	1 PS 2 Policy	1,428

	01/10/15	Brussels	Meetings and seminar	Train	1 PS 1 SpAd 1 Policy	1,504 (excluding cost of policy official)
	02/03/16	Brussels	St David's Day Reception and meetings	Train	1 PS 1 Policy	981
<b>Ken Skates</b>	05/05/15	Berlin	Promotional events and UEFA Champions hip Final	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,380
<b>Rebecca Evans</b>	19/04/15	Luxembourg & Brussels	AgriCouncil meeting; Seafood EXPO 2015	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	2,180
	06/09/15	Brussels	AgriCouncil meeting	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	2,421
	15/11/15	Brussels	AgriCouncil meeting	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	2,182
	13/12/15	Brussels	AgriCouncil meeting	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	2,188
<b>Julie James</b>	23/04/15	Berlin	Meet German employer representatives and trade unions	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	555
	25/06/15	Brussels	EC meetings and seminar	Scheduled flight	1 Policy	1,509
	17/01/16	Dublin	Ministerial meetings on	Scheduled flight	1 PS 1 Policy	532

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**Notes**

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