



5 July 2017

Dear ,

Thank you for your request which I received on **7 June 2017** about **Payments to Returning Officers**. The information you requested is enclosed.

The National Assembly for Wales is responsible for making the Order that sets out the amounts that can be claimed by the Returning Officer for all the costs of any Assembly election. This amount is capped and includes the fee payable to the Returning Officer for his services in conducting the election.

During the period 2010 to 2017, The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2016 (2016 No 417) and the National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers Charges Order 2011 (2011 No 632) both set the fee at a maximum of **£4,730** per constituency. In addition, there are five electoral regions and one Returning Officer from each region acts as the Regional Returning Officer. Regional Returning Officers were entitled to receive a fee of **£2,860** for the 2011 elections and **£2,400** for the 2016 elections.

Each Returning Officer responsible for one or more constituencies. In the enclosed table the constituencies are grouped according to the local authority area they are within.

The Welsh Government, in its recent consultation on its White Paper, *Local Government, Resilient and Renewed*, asked for views on removing the personal fees payable to returning

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officers. We will be launching a further consultation on this in July and you may be interested in submitting your views. The consultation will be found on the Welsh Government website later this year.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

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Local Authority/Constituency	Returning Officers Fee		Comments	
	2011	2016	2011	2016
<b>BLAENAU GWENT ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
BLAENAU GWENT CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
<b>BRIDGEND ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
BRIDGEND CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
OGMORE CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
SOUTH WALES WEST ELECTORAL REGION (2011)	2860	N/A		
<b>CAERPHILLY ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
CAERPHILLY CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
ISLWYN CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
<b>CARDIFF ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
CARDIFF CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
CARDIFF NORTH CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
CARDIFF SOUTH & PENARTH CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
CARDIFF WEST CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
SOUTH WALES CENTRAL ELECTORAL REGION	2860	2400		
<b>CARMARTHENSHIRE ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
CARMARTHEN EAST & DINEFWR CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
LLANELLI CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
MID & WEST WALES ELECTORAL REGION (2016)	N/A	2400		
<b>CEREDIGION ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>	4,366	4730		
<b>CONWY ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
ABERCONWY CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
CLWYD WEST CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
<b>DENBIGHSHIRE ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
VALE OF CLWYD CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
NORTH WALES ELECTORAL REGION (2011)	2860	N/A		
<b>FLINTSHIRE ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
ALYN & DEESIDE CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
DELYN CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		

<b>NORTH WALES ELECTORAL REGION (2016)</b>	N/A	2400	Fee split with deputies	Fee split with deputies
DWYFOR MEIRIONYDD CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Fee split with deputies	Fee split with deputies
<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>	4730	4730		
<b>MERTHYR TYDFIL &amp; RHYMNEY ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>	4730	4730		
<b>MONMOUTHSHIRE ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>	4730	4730	Fee split with deputy	Fee split with deputy
<b>NEATH PORT TALBOT ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
ABERAVON CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
NEATH CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
SOUTH WALES WEST ELECTORAL REGION (2016)	N/A	2400		
<b>NEWPORT ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
NEWPORT EAST	4730	4730		
NEWPORT WEST	4730	4730		
SOUTH WALES EAST ELECTORAL REGION	2860	2400		
<b>PEMBROKESHIRE ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
CARMARTHEN WEST & SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE	4730	4730		
PRESELI PEMBROKESHIRE	4730	4730		
MID & WEST WALES ELECTORAL REGION (2011)	2860	N/A		
<b>POWYS ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
BRECON & RADNORSHIRE CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
MONGOMERYSHIRE CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
<b>RHONDDA CYNON TAF ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
CYNON VALLEY CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Fee split with deputy	Fee split with deputy
RHONDDA CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Fee split with deputy	Free split with deputy
PONTYPRIDD CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Free split with deputy	Fee split with deputy
<b>SWANSEA ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
GOWER CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Split with deputies	Split with deputies
SWANSEA EAST CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Split with deputies	Split with deputies
SWANSEA WEST CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730	Split with deputies	Split with deputies
<b>TORFAEN ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>	4730	4730		
<b>VALE OF GLAMORGAN ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>	4730	4730		

<b>WREXHAM ASSEMBLY ELECTION COSTS</b>				
CLWYD SOUTH CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		
WREXHAM CONSTITUENCY	4730	4730		