

17 January 2024

Dear

ATISN 20090 - Freedom of Information Request (Senedd Plans to Increase Member Numbers)

Information requested

Thank you for your request which you sent on 14 January.

You asked for a detailed cost breakdown of the additional £13 million to the 2021- 2022 cost of £63 million for increasing Members of the Senedd from 60 to 96.

Information relating to the cost of additional Members of the Senedd, which falls to the Senedd Commission, is set out within the Regulatory Impact Assessment and the Affordability Assessment in the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanied the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill when it was introduced. These assessments were informed by information provided by the Senedd Commission. This can be found on the Senedd website at [pri-ld16037-em-e.pdf \(senedd.wales\)](#), and the relevant sections can be found on pages 139-152 and 181-184.

Next steps

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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,