



Security for Members of the Senedd and their staff

27 April 2023

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 29 March in which you asked:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am seeking information regarding the cost of security for Members of the Senedd and their staff.

Please could you tell me the:

1.

- a. *The total amount spent on security measures for MS' & their staff in 2023 (up until the most recent figures)*
- b. *The total amount spent on security measures for MS' & their staff in 2022*
- c. *The total amount spent on security measures for MS' & their staff in 2021*

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- a. *The total amount spent on security measures at constituency offices in 2023 (up until the most recent figures)*
- b. *The total amount spent on security measures at constituency offices in 2022*
- c. *The total amount spent on security measures at constituency offices in 2021*

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- a. *The total amount spent on security measures at MS' main family residence in 2023 (up until the most recent figures)*

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- b. The total amount spent on security measures at MS' main family residence in 2022
- c. The total amount spent on security measures at MS' main family residence in 2021

Please find our response to your request below, displayed in financial years (1 April to 31 March) not calendar years.

Question	Category	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1.	Lone working solutions	£14,562.77	£94,115.97	£ 57,733.03
2.	Constituency Office*	£ 2,316.64	£ 1,059.60	£115,438.52
3.	Member's Main Home	£ 661.36	£0	£ 36,885.69
	Total	£17,540.77	£95,175.57	£210,057.24

The totals above include the following Office Costs Security Claims which are already published on [Search Members' Allowances - Member Allowances \(senedd.wales\)](#):

Category	2020-21	2021-22
*Constituency office	£644.40	£1,059.60

Please note - These figures do not include the costs of the Senedd Commission's Security Service. The Service ensures the security of the Senedd estate for Members, their staff, visitors, contractors and staff of the Senedd Commission. It is not possible to break down the costs into security on the estate specifically for Members and so those figures are not held.

The rules surrounding what Members of the Senedd are entitled to claim are contained within the [Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances: 2022-23 \(senedd.wales\)](#)

The relevant sections are: 4.6. *Security measures at Members' main homes* and 6.5. *Office security*.

Previous Determinations are available on our website - [Determination \(remunerationboard.wales\)](#)

Spend on constituency security in 2022-23 reflects an increase in security measures for elected officials following tragic events with Westminster MPs. The spend in 2022-23 also reflects the start of a new Senedd and an intake of new Members who have been in the process of setting up their constituency offices.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager
Welsh Parliament**

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 Welsh Parliament'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:

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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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