

Staff of Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer

10/08/2012

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 25 July in which you asked,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the following information regarding the Assembly Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer;

- 1) How many staff are employed by a) the Presiding Officer and b) the Deputy Presiding Officer who are employed in their basic roles as Assembly Members and NOT part of their civil service staff to perform their Presiding Officer functions.*
 - 2) How many of these staff hold security passes to the National Assembly Building*
- 1) The Presiding Officer employs 4 support staff (mix of part time and full time equivalent), who support her in her role as an Assembly Member, and the Deputy Presiding Officer employs 3 support staff. The Remuneration Board's determination on Members allowances states that Members may claim an allowance to cover the salary for up to three full-time equivalent staff (111 hours). If you wish to view the determination on the Assembly website, please use the following link:
<http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/pay-expenses-financial-interests-standards/mem-expenses-2.htm>
 - 2) Information on security passes is exempt from disclosure under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg/We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh

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

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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.assemblywales.org/conhome/con-complaint.htm>. 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
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