

David Rees MS
Chair of the Reform Bill Committee

4 March 2024

Dear David,

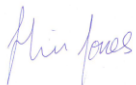
Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Senedd Commission response to recommendation 2 of the Reform Bill Committee

In recommendation 2 of your Stage 1 report on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill, you requested the Senedd Commission write to you in advance of Stage 2 proceedings, to outline what the differences in the financial estimates would be if the estimates had been based on the 2023-24 Determination rather than the 2022-23 Determination

The Senedd Commission committed to providing these adjusted estimates in its response dated 26 January 2024.

Please find enclosed with this letter the requested information.

Kind regards,





Elin Jones MS
Llywydd and Chair of the Senedd Commission



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Political Group Leader salaries	Ongoing	£22,000	£44,000	£22,000	£44,000	£22,000	£44,000	£22,000	£44,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Committee Members	Ongoing	£12,700	£25,300	£12,700	£25,300	£12,700	£25,300	£12,700	£25,300
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Member allowances and office costs	Ongoing	£922,000	£922,000	£922,000	£922,000	£922,000	£922,000	£922,000	£922,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential Accommodation	Ongoing	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Members Travel	Ongoing	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support for political parties	Ongoing	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		£2,066,100	£2,432,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500

Table 4: Cost comparison – Members and Support Staff salary costs

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Determination 2022-23	-	-	£8,139,800	£8,139,800	£8,139,800	£8,139,800	£8,139,800	£8,139,800
Determination 2023-24	-	-	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700
Total increase	£0	£0	£538,900	£538,900	£538,900	£538,900	£538,900	£538,900

Table 5: Cost comparison – Additional costs for office holders (2024/25 – 2028/29)

	2024-25		2025-26		2026-27		2027-28	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Determination 2022-23	-	-	-	-	£2,109,100	£2,451,600	£1,929,100	£2,271,600
Determination 2023-24	-	-	-	-	£2,246,100	£2,612,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500
Total increase	£0	£0	£0	£0	£137,000	£160,900	£137,000	£160,900

Table 6: Cost comparison – Additional costs for office holders (2029/30 – 2031/32)

	2028-29		2029-30		2030-31		2031-32	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Determination 2022-23	£1,929,100	£2,271,600	£1,929,100	£2,271,600	£1,929,100	£2,271,600	£1,929,100	£2,271,600
Determination 2023-24	£2,066,100	£2,432,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500
Total increase	£137,000	£160,900	£137,000	£160,900	£137,000	£160,900	£137,000	£160,900

ⁱ In addition to updating for the 2023/24 Determination rates to calculate salaries and allowances in these tables, the revised figures also reflect changes to the Employer National Insurance Rate and Employer National Insurance Threshold, which was reversed from 15.05% to 13.8%, and reduced to £9,100 respectively.