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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

Hir fores

Llywydd and Chair of the Senedd Commission

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Revised costs – Based on 2023-24 Determination on Members' Pay and Allowancesⁱ

Table 1: Summary of Members and Support Staff salary costs

		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Members' Salaries	Ongoing	-	-	£3,322,000	£3,322,000	£3,322,000	£3,322,000	£3,322,000	£3,322,000
Members' Salaries	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support Staff	Ongoing	-	-	£5,356,700	£5,356,700	£5,356,700	£5,356,700	£5,356,700	£5,356,700
Support Stan	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		£0	£0	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700	£8,678,700

Table 2: Summary of additional costs for office holders (2024/25 – 2028/29)

		2024-25		202	2025-26		6-27	2027-28	
		Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Deputy Presiding Officer	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	-	£30,700	-	£30,700
salaries	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minister salaries	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	-	£263,100	-	£263,100
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committee Chair salaries	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	£19,000	£57,000	£19,000	£57,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Political Group Leader salaries	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	£22,000	£44,000	£22,000	£44,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Business Committee	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	£12,700	£25,300	£12,700	£25,300
Members	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Member allowances and	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	£1,102,000	£1,102,000	£922,000	£922,000
office costs	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential	Ongoing		-	-	-	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600	£286,600
Accommodation	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Members Travel	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support for political parties	Ongoing	-	-	-	-	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800	£653,800
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,246,100	£2,612,500	£2,066,100	£2,432,500

Table 3: Summary of additional costs for office holders (2029/30 – 2032-33)

		2028-29		2029-30		2030-2031		2031-32	
		Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Deputy Presiding Officer salaries	Ongoing	-	£30,700	-	£30,700	-	£30,700	-	£30,700
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minister salaries	Ongoing	-	£263,100	-	£263,100	-	£263,100	-	£263,100
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committee Chair salaries	Ongoing	£19,000	£57,000	£19,000	£57,000	£19,000	£57,000	£19,000	£57,000
	Transitional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

	202	4-25	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)

	202	2028-29		2029-30		2030-31		1-32
	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

¹ 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.