

17 November 2023

Dear

**ATISN19288**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 November.

You asked for the total cost incurred by increasing the number of Senedd Members to 96, including the cost of the extra Members, support and ancillary staff and the accommodation costs. You also asked for the cost benefits gained and how it has been calculated.

The information you requested is set out within the Regulatory Impact Assessment in the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanied the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill when it was introduced. This can be found on the Senedd Commission 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](mailto: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