

3 June 2025

Dear

ATISN 24691

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 May. You asked:

Questions surrounding the [Innovating Democracy Advisory Group](#) headed by Dr Elias which has recently been set up by Welsh Government.

1. *How were the group members selected?*
2. *Are the group members giving their time freely or will they be remunerated for it and if so at what rate?*

Our response

1. *How were the group members selected?*

The group membership roles were advertised via an open competition on the [Public Appointments website](#). The group were selected through an open recruitment process to include diverse expertise and backgrounds, including leaders in democracy, community engagement and policy development. A written statement announcing the group membership can be found [here](#).

2. *Are the group members giving their time freely or will they be remunerated for it and if so at what rate?*

Members can claim remuneration at a rate of £100 per day. Travel and other reasonable expenses that might be incurred in carrying out work on behalf of the Group, can also be claimed within the recognised limits. The advertisement for the role asked for a time commitment of a minimum of 8 days per year.

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 e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely