

17 March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26722

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 February 2026. You asked for the following information:

- 1. The total projected cost for the structural renovations or office acquisitions required to accommodate the increase from 60 to 96 Members of the Senedd (MS).*
- 2. A breakdown of the budget allocated for "Public Awareness" or "Voter Education" campaigns specifically regarding the new electoral system being used in 2026.*
- 3. The total amount spent on private security services for the Senedd estate (including the Senedd building and Tŷ Hywel) during the last five calendar years.*

Our response

With regard to question 1, the cost to Welsh Government for building and refurbishment works to effectively accommodate a potential increase in the number of Welsh Ministers, in association with the increase from 60 to 96 Members, is £0.8m. This relates to the establishment of an additional eight Ministerial offices within the Welsh Government areas of Tŷ Hywel and involved reconfiguration of office space across two floors – including all structural, electrical, and mechanical works.

Any costs directly associated with accommodating the increase from 60 to 96 Members of the Senedd would be a matter for the Senedd Commission. Contact details are available at the following link: [Freedom of Information](#).

In relation to question 2, the Welsh Government does not hold any budget allocated to "Public Awareness" or "Voter Education" campaigns specifically regarding the new electoral system being used in 2026.

The Welsh Government does not hold any information in relation to question 3. You will need to direct that part of your request to the Senedd Commission, using the contact details provided above in response to question 1.

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

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Yours sincerely