

**Independent Panel on Members'
Pay and Allowances
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Call for Evidence

The National Assembly Commission has appointed an independent panel to conduct a review of the financial support provided for Assembly Members. This follows a recommendation by a previous panel, which focused on the appropriate level of remuneration for Assembly Members, taking account of their extra responsibilities as a result of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

This Panel's aim is to ensure that the system of pay and allowances is fair, transparent, and recognises and rewards AM's skills, while still providing value for money.

The Panel is chaired by Sir Roger Jones, Pro-Chancellor of the University of Swansea. The other members are the Rt Hon Dafydd Wigley, Nigel Rudd (former Chief Executive of the East Midlands Regional Assembly), and Jackie Nickson, (HR Manager, Opagus Group Ltd).

Sir Roger and his fellow Panel members are keen to hear views from the people of Wales – individuals as well as organisations. So, if you have any comments or constructive ideas about the financial support our Assembly Members receive (for example views on their salaries, expenses, hours worked, travelling, working conditions, training or indeed any area you consider relevant) this is your opportunity to submit them in writing, either to me at the letterhead address or by email to chris.reading@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

If you have colleagues or know of other organisations who might be interested in contributing to this inquiry, please feel free to share this letter with them, or let me have their contact details.

On behalf of the Panel, I look forward to receiving your views – preferably by 31 January. We welcome responses in either English or Welsh.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Reading." with a small flourish underneath the name.

Chris Reading
Clerk, Independent Panel on Members' Pay and Allowances

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