

# The Regional Listed Member for Mid and West Wales

25 March 2011

Dear

## **Request for Information.**

Thank you for your request received on 18 March 2011. I first received a hard copy of this request on 09 March but unfortunately, as the letter had no name or address details on it, I was not able to reply.

Your request asks;

*Could you please confirm where the first home of the Regional Listed Member for Mid and West Wales Alun Davies is?*

*Could you please let me have sight of the mileage claims for this member for the last 12 months*

We are not able to provide any information in relation to any residential address of a member of the Assembly. The Freedom of Information (Parliament and National Assembly for Wales) Order 2008, which came into force on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008, amended paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 so that the National Assembly for Wales is only to be regarded as a public authority for the purpose of the duty under section 1 of the Act in respect of information "other than ...information relating to any residential address of a member of the Assembly". This means that the National Assembly for Wales is not obliged to release information relating to the residences of Assembly Members.

The information in question is personal data and in the absence of a duty to disclose it under the 2000 Act, disclosure by us of that data would be contrary to our duties as data controllers under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Regarding the second part of your information request, the Assembly publishes details of Assembly Members claims under the Office Costs, Travel

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Costs, and Additional Costs allowances on the website at the following link, where there is a searchable database that you can view.

Go to <http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/mem-expenses-2.htm> and click on the 'View the Allowance Database' button. You are able to search, for each Assembly Member, for each financial year, the expenses that they have claimed.

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. The code is published on our website at <http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm> If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me.

If you believe that I have not applied the Code correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, you may make a formal complaint to the Chief Executive and Clerk at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay. Details of the Assembly's complaints principles are set out in the Code of Practice on Complaints available on the Internet at <http://www.assemblywales.org/conhome/con-complaint.htm> ; please advise me if you wish to receive a printed copy.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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