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# Remuneration of members in other legislatures - update

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# 1 Introduction

This briefing paper has been prepared to inform the work of the Independent Remuneration Board. It provides updated information on members' salaries in other legislatures, reflecting changes since the publication of NIAR 18-2025.

## 2 Remuneration in selected legislatures

Table 1 sets out the remuneration of members in the legislatures in the UK and Ireland.

**Table 1: remuneration of members in other legislatures**

Northern Ireland Assembly	Scottish Parliament	Senedd	House of Commons	Dáil Éireann (euros)	Seanad Éireann (euros)
53,000	74,507	76,380	93,904	117,113	82,018

### 2.1 Scottish Parliament

Table 2 sets out the remuneration of members and other selected positions in the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government.

**Table 2: remuneration of members and other selected positions<sup>1</sup>**

Salaries (£) (Figures in brackets show total when a member's salary is included)	
Member's salary	74,507
First Minister	107,931 (182,438)
Cabinet Secretary	55,993 (130,500)
Minister	35,077 (109,584)
Presiding Officer	55,993 (130,500)
Deputy Presiding Officer	35,077 (109,584)

<sup>1</sup> Information accessed from Scottish Parliament website: <https://www.parliament.scot/msps/msp-salaries>

<b>Lord Advocate</b>	73,149 (147,656)
<b>Solicitor General for Scotland</b>	52,897 (127,404)

## 2.2 Senedd

Table 3 sets out the remuneration of members and other selected positions in the Senedd and Welsh Government.

**Table 3: remuneration of members and other selected positions<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Salaries (£) (Figures in brackets show total when a member's salary is included)</b>	
<b>Member's salary</b>	76,380
<b>First Minister</b>	90,701 (167,081)
<b>Welsh Minister</b>	42,963 (119,343)
<b>Counsel General</b>	42,963 (119,343)
<b>Deputy Minister</b>	25,063 (101,443)
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	48,930 (125,310)
<b>Deputy Presiding Officer</b>	25,063 (101,443)
<b>Senedd Commissioner</b>	15,514 (91,894)
<b>Committee Chair (higher)</b>	15,514 (91,894)
<b>Committee Chair (lower)</b>	10,336 (86,716)
<b>Business Committee member</b>	10,336 (86,716)
<b>Leader of a Political Group not in Government</b>	15,514 + 1,194 per Member up to 42,963 (up to a maximum of 119,343)

<sup>2</sup> Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances 2025-26 (Number 2) July 2025: <https://remunerationboard.wales/media/ocynh5gx/revised-determination-screen-english-v2.pdf>

## 2.3 House of Commons

Table 4 sets out the remuneration of members and other selected positions in the House of Commons and UK Government.

**Table 4: remuneration of members and other selected positions**

<b>Salaries (£) (Figures in brackets show total when a member's salary is included)<sup>3</sup></b>	
<b>Member's salary</b>	93,904
<b>Prime Minister</b>	75,044 (168,948)
<b>Cabinet Minister</b>	67,505 (161,409)
<b>Minister of State</b>	31,680 (125,584)
<b>Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State</b>	22,375 (116,279)
<b>Select Committee Chair</b>	18,822 (112,726)

<sup>3</sup> Over a number of years increases in ministerial pay have been permitted under the Act but have not been claimed: ministerial salaries have been frozen and remain so. Ministerial salaries paid to ministers who are members of the House of Commons have been frozen since 2010. In May 2010 overall remuneration of ministers (ministerial and parliamentary salaries) was cut by 5% compared to the previous Government and then frozen for the duration of the 2010-2015 Parliament. Ministerial salaries (the element of ministerial remuneration the government controls) have since remained frozen for Commons ministers, meaning further reductions in real terms over time: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6399bd4be90e072af09c9292/2022-12-07-Ministerial-Salaries-22-23-table.pdf>

## 2.4 Houses of the Oireachtas

Table 5 sets out the remuneration of members and other selected positions in the Houses of the Oireachtas and Irish Government.

**Table 5: remuneration of members and other selected positions**

<b>Salaries (euros) (Figures in brackets show total when a member's salary is included)</b>	
<b>Member's salary</b>	117,113
<b>Taoiseach</b>	134,148 (251,261)
<b>Tánaiste</b>	114,655 (231,768)
<b>Minister</b>	95,745 (212,858)
<b>Minister of State</b>	47,314 (164,427) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Ceann Comhairle</b>	146,118 (263,231)
<b>Leas Ceann Comhairle</b>	63,761 (180,874)
<b>Chairperson of Committee</b>	11,217 (128,330)
<b>Commission Member</b>	11,217 (128,330)
<b>Senator</b>	82,018
<b>Cathaoirleach</b>	57,574 (139,592)
<b>Leas-Chathaoirleach</b>	33,295 (115,310)
<b>Commission member</b>	11,217 (93,235)
<b>Chairperson of Committee</b>	11,217 (93,235)

<sup>4</sup> Additional €13,542 allowance for Ministers of State attending Cabinet

