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Mr Chris Reading  
Clerk, Independent Panel on Members' Pay and Allowances  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear Mr Reading

**Call for Evidence-Review of the financial support provided for Assembly Members (AM's)**

I refer to your letter dated November 2008 (received on 20 November) and to our subsequent telephone conversation with regard to the Review. I understand that the deadline for replies has been extended.

As explained, the Town Council considered the matter at its December meeting. The Council was disappointed at the short notice given in respect of the North Wales public meeting and felt that more or at least a later meeting could have been arranged in the North, as well the inclusion with your letter of a summary fact sheet about the current arrangements for AM's.

In general, the Council was of the view that most AM's made a significant contribution to their area(s) and that this should be appropriately acknowledged. In this respect, the Council commended the hard work of Sandy Mewies, the constituency Member for Delyn.

To assist in ensuring that the system of pay and allowances is fair, transparent, and recognises and rewards AM's skills, while still providing value for money, it is suggested that consideration be given to providing further clarification for Members about for example what may be claimed as an allowance. This would help to overcome the recent apparent uncertainty which arose from the nature of the allowances reported to be claimed by certain AM's.

It is hoped that the Panel finds the Council's comments useful during its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk and Financial Officer