

# Outstanding bills to Charlton House Catering

18 June 2010

Dear

## **Request for Information.**

I refer to your request received on 10 June in which you asked,

*Could you please send me a list of all Assembly Members who have outstanding bills to Charlton House Catering in the National Assembly?  
Could you please provide the name of AM, amount owed and date of last paid bill in your response?*

*I understand that some public money is used as a subsidy for the food provided to Assembly Members. I therefore consider this as a matter of public interest.*

In response I am able to advise you that the National Assembly for Wales does not hold this information.

Catering services at the National Assembly are provided by an external contractor. The current contract was awarded to Charlton House Catering and commenced on 1 September 2006.

Any credit arrangements between individual Assembly Members and Charlton House Catering are negotiated by those parties and the National Assembly has no part in, or knowledge of, such individual agreements.

I understand that information has recently been published providing data on outstanding payments due from Members of Parliament. However there is a different arrangement in the House of Commons where catering staff are employed directly by the Parliament.

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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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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