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## Stonewall Cymru Membership

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 6 January in which you requested information regarding Stonewall Membership.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your questions below in bold and set out our corresponding response:

**1. The first date in which Wales Audit Office became a member of Stonewall Cymru Diversity Champions Programme and confirm if you are still a member.**

Since 2017, and yes still a member.

**2. The amount of membership fees paid to Stonewall Cymru since joining their Diversity program.**

£2500 per year since 2017

**3. Benefits received by Wales Audit Office from this Membership.**

The benefits are listed on the Stonewall website accessible by the following link, under the heading “key benefits”:

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/diversity-champions-programme>

As this is reasonably accessible to you by other means, this is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, please write to Martin Peters, Head of Law and Ethics, by email to [martin.peters@audit.wales](mailto:martin.peters@audit.wales) or by post to 24 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ.

I must also refer you to section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act under which you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether or not your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner's contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

email : [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

Tel: 01625 545745

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You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer