

STANDING ORDER 31 - Financial and Other Interests of Members: Annex

The interests which are to be registered in the Register of Interests of Assembly Members and which for the purposes of Standing Order 31.6 are to be declared before taking part in any Assembly proceedings

General

1. Members should, in listing their registrable interests, have regard to any relevant resolutions, Codes of Practice or Guidance Notes which the Assembly may have adopted on this matter.
2. Any remunerated activity in the areas of public relations, and political advice and consultancy relating to the functions of the Assembly must be included in that part of the register relating to remunerated employment, office or profession. Such activity includes any action connected with any Assembly proceedings, sponsoring of functions in the Assembly buildings, and making representations to the Welsh Assembly Government, or any member of that Government or of its staff.
3. The majority of the interests specified in the categories below include a reference to interests independently possessed by or given to the partner or any dependent child of the Member, and these must also be registered if such interests are known to the Member.
4. For the purposes of the registration and declaration of interests under Standing Order 31 specified in this Annex:-
 - i) a Member's partner means a spouse, civil partner or one of a couple whether of the same sex or of the opposite sex who although not married to each other are living together and treat each other as spouses; and
 - ii) a dependent child is any person who, at the time of registration is under the age of sixteen or is under the age of nineteen and receiving full time education by attendance at a recognised educational establishment and is:-
 - (a) a child of the Member; or
 - (b) a step-child of the Member by marriage or by civil partnership; or
 - (c) a child legally adopted by the Member, or
 - (d) a child whom the Member intends legally to adopt; or

- (e) a child who, for at least the previous 6 calendar months has been financially supported by the Member.

The Registrable Interests

5. The registrable interests are:

- (i) Remunerated directorships held by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, in public and private companies including directorships which are individually unremunerated but where remuneration is paid through another company in the same group.
- (ii) Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation (apart from membership of the Assembly) for which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member over the age of sixteen, is remunerated, or in which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member over the age of sixteen, has any pecuniary interest.
- (iii) The names of clients when the interests referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above include services by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member over the age of sixteen, which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, his or her membership of the Assembly.
- (iv) Gifts, hospitality, material benefits or advantage above a value specified in any resolution of the Assembly received by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, from any company, organisation or person which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Assembly.
- (v) Any remuneration or other material benefit which a Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, receives from any public or private company or other body which has tendered for, is tendering for, or has, a contract with the Assembly.
- (vi) Financial sponsorship (a) as a candidate for election to the Assembly, where to the knowledge of the Member the sponsorship in any case exceeds 25 per cent of the candidate's election expenses, or (b) as a Member of the Assembly by any person or organisation. In registering such an interest, a

Member must state whether any such sponsorship includes any payment to the Member or any material benefit or advantage.

- (vii) Subject to any resolution of the Assembly, overseas visits made by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Assembly where the cost of any such visit has not been wholly borne by the Member or from funds provided by the Assembly or by Parliament or by any organisation of which the Assembly is a member.
- (viii) Any land and property of the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, which has a substantial value as specified in any resolution of the Assembly or from which a substantial income is derived other than any home used for the personal residential purposes of the Member, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member.
- (ix) The names of companies or other bodies in which the Member has, either alone or with or on behalf of the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, a beneficial interest, or in which, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or a dependent child of the Member has a beneficial interest, in shareholdings of a market value greater than one per cent of the issued share capital, or less than one per cent but more than an amount specified in any resolution of the Assembly.
- (x) Paid or unpaid membership or chairmanship by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, of any body funded in whole or in part out of funds provided by the Assembly.