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## Senior Pay

I am writing in response to your request for information below dated 24 July 2018 in which you requested information regarding 'the top three salaries in your organisation, along with the positions held in 2016/17 and 2017/18'.

Information in relation to the salary of the Auditor General for Wales, which is a Crown appointment, is set out in our Annual Report and Accounts, together with information about the remuneration of senior staff, which is provided in bands of £5,000. We publish our Annual Report and Accounts on our website and the reports for 2016/17 and 2017/18 are available at: <http://www.audit.wales/publication/annual-report-and-accounts-2016-17> and: <http://www.audit.wales/publication/annual-report-and-accounts-201718> respectively. Information about the roles of senior staff is available on our website at: <http://www.audit.wales/about-us/whos-who>. Accordingly this information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am withholding exact individual salary information under s40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as they comprise personal data, and, in accordance with ICO Guidance, I am not aware of any additional public interest factors or exceptional circumstance which would justify the disclosure of exact salary information. The ICO Guidance on requests for information about public authority employees is available at: [https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1187/section\\_40\\_requests\\_for\\_personal\\_data\\_about\\_employees.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1187/section_40_requests_for_personal_data_about_employees.pdf)

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

Fax: 01625 524510

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