

FOI request to the Greater London Authority submitted on 23 May 2016

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Please provide information to the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

1) Are any of the London Assembly members who sat on the Assembly before the May 5 elections this year, but that are now no longer Assembly members after the election, are any of these now former Assembly members entitled to any kind of remuneration settlement due to the fact that they are now no longer members after May 5 (whether that be because they failed to get re-elected, because they stepped down or for any other reason due to their severance from duties).

2) If any are, please list all of the former Assembly members by name, how much funds in total they will receive as a remuneration settlement/severance package and the reason they will receive this - ie what is the remuneration settlement they are receiving called and where in City Hall's internal rules does it state they should receive such a settlement or are entitled to one? If they are entitled to more than one kind of remuneration settlement as a result of no longer being a member, please state what each kind of settlement is called and list them, showing how much each one is worth and when it will be paid.

3) Please also detail how the settlements in the case of each former member are to be paid - so will it be installments and when (what date/year) are they to receive each installment or the payment they're entitled to as a whole?

4) Please also detail for each former member whether or not they have decided to accept the settlement.

The Greater London Authority's response sent 3 June 2016

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and we can today provide you with our formal response to your request.

Below is a list of previous Assembly Members who either stepped down or were not re-elected in 2016 Mayoral Elections

- Valerie Shawcross
- Stephen Knight
- Murad Qureshi
- John Biggs
- Jenny Jones
- Darren Johnson
- Kit Malthouse
- James Cleverly
- Roger Evans
- Richard Tracey

The GLA Elected Members' Resettlement Grant Scheme is available on the GLA website via the link below which explains the circumstances under which previous Assembly Members might be entitled to a Resettlement Grant:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/archives/gla-budget-docs-resettlement-grant-scheme.pdf

In regards to the third part of your request, paragraph 3.3 of the Resettlement Grant clarifies:

A Qualifying Person must claim the Resettlement Grant within twelve months of the date of the ordinary election or date of resignation and which shall be paid in a lump sum within six weeks of the date of the claim.

Finally, at this time the GLA does not hold all of the remaining detailed information that you have requested. Previous Assembly Members have up to twelve months following the election to submit a claim and we will therefore not be in a position to answer this question in full until May 2017, by which time we will know about the claims made under the Resettlement Grant Scheme.

I can also confirm that the details of any such payments, once made to relevant individuals, will be included in the GLA Annual Statement of Accounts for 2016-17 (i.e. the current financial year) which will be published in the summer of 2017.

Similar information was published by the GLA in the Statement of Accounts covering the 2012 Mayoral Election; the specific information relevant to your request can be found on page 75 of the 2012-13 accounts. These can be viewed on our website via the following link

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/spending-money-wisely/annual-accounts-and-governance-statement>