

Commissioners in Wales

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Thank you for your email of 29 January 2013.

We do not hold a definitive list of how many Commissioners there are in Wales, but we can provide some funding information regarding those Commissioners that are audited by the Auditor General for Wales (Wales Audit Office). Some of the Commissioners in Wales are not part of devolved arrangements e.g. the Information Commissioner, and are not audited by the Auditor General.

The following are funded by the Welsh Government:

Children's Commissioner for Wales

Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Welsh Language Commissioner

The Forestry Commission Wales (FCW) has 3 Forestry Commissioners. Our January 2013 report Operations of the Forestry Commission Wales Follow-up Report set out that "in 2010-11, FCW generated £14.13 million from timber sales. It received the majority of the remainder of its £50 million costs from the Welsh Government, with some funding from European grant schemes."

The National Assembly for Wales Commission (NAWC) is chaired by the Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales and includes four other Assembly Commissioners. NAWC is funded from the Welsh Consolidated Fund (i.e. essentially via the Welsh block grant). The National Assembly for Wales' Standards Commissioner is funded by the National Assembly for Wales Commission.

This link provides information regarding the funding of Police and Crime Commissioners, including the four in Wales <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police/police-finance/>

As far as we can tell, we do not hold recorded information as to how any other Commissioners are funded.

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

Best wishes

Wales Audit Office

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