

## Declaration of Salaries and Allowances by Senator Jillian van Turnhout for 2015

Document completed: 5 April 2016 – Columns in blue indicate actuals received by Senator van Turnhout

Entitlements – Senators	Amount per full calendar year for Senators	Comment	Salary & allowances received by Senator Jillian van Turnhout in period 1 Jan 2015 – 31 Dec 2015	Comment
Salary	€65,000 pa	Subject to income tax, USC and class K PRSI (4% deduction). There are NIL PRSI benefits pertaining to Class K.  6% of salary is deducted for the Oireachtas pension.	€65,000 gross	
Allowance payable if leader of an Independent group of nominee Senators	€2,682	Taxed. Paid monthly with salary.	€2,682	
Public Representation Allowance (PRA) <i>(To cover a list of allowable expenses)</i>	€12,225	At beginning of year Members choose how much per month they draw down. I choose €600 per month (€7,200 pa) so at year end I returned the unspent portion. Tax free and paid monthly alongside salary.	€5,770	Vouched  I returned €1,430 to the House of the Oireachtas on 26/1/2016 following completion of my 2015 accounts.

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Travel and Accommodation Allowance (TAA)	€5,250 (home less than 25 km from Leinster House) - €29,565 (home over 360 km from Leinster House)	<p>Tax free. Paid monthly with salary. Must attend 120 days per annum to retain full allowance.</p> <p>Complete form naming main residence at start of each year. Complete form at end of year saying allowance spent on travel and accommodation. Must repay 1% of TAA for each day short of 120.</p> <p>No claim forms required once main residence form completed.</p>	€5,250	<p>Live in Dublin 18. Attendance ‘vouched’ by clocking in as set out in SI 84/2010.</p> <p>I had more than the required attendance for 2015. Letter to confirm reaching full attendance received.</p>
Direct purchase scheme (e.g. mobile phone)		Receipts must be provided	Nil	Did not avail of this scheme in 2015

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Parliamentary Activities Allowance (PAA) (prior to July 2014 this was called Party Leader’s Allowance)	€21,045 per annum for Independent Senators  In case of Senators who are members of a party, the amount is €42,089 for first five Senators and then €21,045 for each Senator thereafter. This is paid to their party leader.	Tax free. Paid monthly with salary.  From July 2014 legislation enacted to make this a fully vouched expenditure.	€9,390	I will be returning the unspent portion of this allowance for the year 2016. This amounts to €11,655.
Special Secretarial Allowance	Choice between staff member or vouched allowance for staff or combination of both		Salary scale €23,180-€42,084. Point on scale determined by HR Dept in Houses of the Oireachtas.	I opted for a staff member and publicly advertised the job in September 2011. 119 applications received. 7 interviewed by myself and one other. Successful applicant had no prior relationship with me. Same person still in position.

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Seanad Éireann Income subject to tax (Salary plus Group Leaders Allowance)	€67,682
Seanad Éireann Allowances not subject to tax (TAA, PRA and PAA)	€20,410

## Other Information

Tax clearance certificate provided to Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPOC) on 17 June 2011. Members are required to provide this certification at the start of each mandate.

## Conferences

Represented Joint Health and Children Committee at the 9<sup>th</sup> European Forum on the Rights of the Child, June 2015. Costs covered by EU.  
Represented Joint Health and Children Committee at Ireland's Review before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, October 2015  
I also spoke at a number of conferences and events around Ireland. On no occasion did I claim any mileage or travel expenses.

## Media

I do not take up any allowances offered for media appearances.

## Other positions held/roles:

<b>Roles</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
Chair	Early Childhood Ireland	<a href="http://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie">www.earlychildhoodireland.ie</a>	Pro bono. Position started January 2012. No expenses claimed in 2015.
Vice Chair	European Movement Ireland	<a href="http://www.europeanmovement.ie">www.europeanmovement.ie</a>	Pro bono. No expenses claimed in 2015.
Chair Programme Review Steering Group; District Commissioner; Trainer on Code of Ethics; and other volunteer roles	Irish Girl Guides	<a href="http://www.irishgirlguides.ie">www.irishgirlguides.ie</a>	Pro bono. Only vouched expenses for some direct costs claimed in 2015.
Director	Irish Girl Guides Trust Corporation Ltd	n/a	Pro bono. No expenses claimed in 2015.
Chair	Children in Hospital Ireland	<a href="http://www.childreninhospitalireland.ie">www.childreninhospitalireland.ie</a>	Pro bono. No expenses claimed in 2015.

I have endeavoured to outline all benefits received but do not claim that this statement is free from error. I will correct any errors or omissions as soon as practicable once they have been brought to my attention.

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