

Declaration of Salaries and Allowances by Senator Jillian van Turnhout for 2014

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Entitlements – Senators	Amount per full calendar year for Senators	Comment	Salary & allowances received by Senator Jillian van Turnhout in period 1 Jan 2014 – 31 Dec 2014	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 €750 per month (€8,000 pa) so at year end I returned the unspent portion. Tax free and paid monthly alongside salary.	€2,911	Vouched I returned €6,089 to the House of the Oireachtas on 28/1/2015 following completion of my 2014 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 2014. Letter to confirm reaching full attendance received July 2014.</p>
Direct purchase scheme (e.g. mobile phone)		Receipts must be provided	Nil	Did not avail of this scheme in 2014

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<p>Party Leader’s Allowance</p> <p>From July 2014 called Parliamentary Activities Allowance</p>	<p>€22,214 per annum for Independent Senators</p> <p>In case of Senators who are members of a party, the amount is €46,766 for first five Senators and then €23,383 for each Senator thereafter. This is paid to their party leader.</p>	<p>Tax free. Paid monthly with salary.</p> <p>From July 2014 the amount was reduced and legislation was enacted to make this a fully vouched expenditure.</p>	€11,692	I returned the unspent portion of this allowance for the year 2014 on 28/1/2015. This amounted to €10,522 (as gift to the State).
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.

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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 Party Leaders Allowance*) €19,852

* From 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014 there no guidelines for Independents in relation to the Party Leaders Allowance. I spent this allowance in line with the same guidelines as set for the political parties. From 1 July 2014 Guidelines for Parliamentary Activities Allowance available.

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

Assessor for European Economic and Social Committee, Civil Society Prize, August and October 2014, Brussels, Flight and hotel paid
Speaker at Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women, Tinos, Greece, August 2014, Flight and hotel paid.
I also spoke at a number of conferences and events around Ireland. On no occasion did I claim any mileage or travel.

Media

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

Other positions held/roles:

Roles	Organisation	Website	Benefits
Chair	Early Childhood Ireland	www.earlychildhoodireland.ie	Pro bono. Position started January 2012. No expenses claimed in 2014.
Vice Chair	European Movement Ireland	www.europeanmovement.ie	Pro bono. No expenses claimed in 2014.
Chair Programme Review Steering Group; District Commissioner; Trainer on Code of Ethics; and other volunteer roles	Irish Girl Guides	www.irishgirlguides.ie	Pro bono. Only vouched expenses for some direct costs claimed in 2014.
Director	Irish Girl Guides Trust Corporation Ltd	n/a	Pro bono. No expenses claimed in 2014.
Chair	Children in Hospital Ireland	http://yoobyoo.ie/	Pro bono. No expenses claimed in 2014.

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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