

Putin Made \$100,000 Last Year, Declarations Says

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Russian President Vladimir Putin (L) meets with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow, Russia.

Income declarations released by the government show President Vladimir Putin earned 3,672,208 rubles (\$102,660) last year, while Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev made 4,259,525 rubles.

The numbers were modest compared to the figures declared by some of the richest people in the government; First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov was said to have earned 24.1 million rubles in 2013, in addition to the 237 million rubles earned by his wife, according to documents posted Friday on the Cabinet website.

Top earners in the Kremlin administration included Putin's representative to the Crimean Federal District, Oleg Belaventsev, who was appointed to the job after Russia's annexation of the peninsula last month. Belaventsev made 79.5 million rubles last year, according to income declarations published on the Kremlin website.

Others on the Kremlin list included Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev, who made 34.5 million rubles; the Kremlin envoy to the State Duma, Garry Minkh, who made 50.7 million rubles; and Patrushev's aide Alexei Pavlov, who made 34.6 million rubles.

Many other declarations showed significantly more modest incomes, prompting a flurry of comments on Russia's social networks, with many users expressing mock sympathy with the "poor" officials.

Beside incomes for themselves and their family members, officials are also required to report their real estate holdings and cars.

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Kozak declared residential rights to a 59.4-square meter apartment as his sole real estate holding, prompting a reader of the Ekho Moskv website to comment that the top official appeared to be living with his wife, son and daughter in a one- or two-bedroom dwelling. Kozak does not own a car, according to his declaration.

Medvedev has two vintage Russian-made Volga sedans, in addition to a Volkswagen Golf owned by his wife, and a 368-square meter apartment, his declaration said.

Putin also owns two vintage Volga cars and a Russian-made Niva jeep.

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