

Russia Discloses Cabinet Ministers' Salaries for the First Time

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Russia's Minister of Finance Anton Siluanov and ex-Minister of Economic Development Alexei Ulyukayev earned up to three times more than the rest of their colleagues last year, new data reveals.

Siluanov's 1.73 million rubles (\$30,000) per month topped the list of wages earned by Russian cabinet members in 2016, according to numbers <u>released</u> by the Finance Ministry for the first time Wednesday.

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Ulyukayev, who was sentenced to 8 years in a high-security prison earlier this month on charges of accepting a \$2 million bribe in November 2016, ranked second with a salary of 1.27 million rubles (\$22,000).

Energy Minister Alexander Novak came in third with 1.16 million rubles, while the rest of the cabinet members earned around half a million rubles each.

The Finance Ministry's data omits the interior and defense ministers' wages, as well as those of the Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR), the FSB and President Vladimir Putin.

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