## Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

## Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Our ref: ATISN 10002 Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

Dear,

## Request for Information – ATISN reference 10002

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 26 November. You asked for the following information (which is a follow up to the letter we sent in response to ATISN 9934):

The number of organisations external to the Welsh Government that each Minister and Deputy Minister has met with on or after 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

I have concluded to provide the information for this follow up request would, again, cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, to consider your request, and, because of this, the regulations allow me to refuse to deal with it. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600.

When calculating whether or not your request exceeds the appropriate limit I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

In order to provide the information we would need to search each Minister's and Deputy Minister's diary for the days since 8 May 2015 (some 200 days). Assuming each day takes 1 minute to search I calculate that it would take the following time: 12 Ministers X 200 days X 1 minute  $\div$  60 = 40 hours. The limit is, therefore, exceeded.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:



Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or

Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely