



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10022

Date: 7 January 2015

Dear ,

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 18 November 2015 and your further email dated the 14 December 2015 where you provided clarification for question 3 below. You asked for the following information:

- 1) How much has been spent on first class train tickets for ministers in 2015-16 financial year - and how much was the total spend for the year on train journeys?
- 2) the same information for 2014-15 and 2013-14.
- 3) out of these amounts which department had the largest spend on first class train tickets for each year?

To provide details of spend on first class train tickets by departments and Ministers it has been determined that it would 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 in £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 and then locate, retrieve and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded. For example, in 2015/16 alone there have been 8895 rail tickets purchased to date by Welsh Government. To identify which of these related to first class rail travel would require us to undertake a manual review of each ticket purchased which would take over 148 hours to complete (8,895 tickets x 1 minute per ticket = 148 hours).

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:

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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