



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10128

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Dear

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10128

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 26 January 2016.

- ***Please provide written details of the policy as it relates specifically to photographs being taken of Assembly Members by Welsh Government photographers/commissioned photographers during an official visit to a constituency/region by a Welsh Government Minister.***

Welsh Government photographers (or those working on our behalf) sometimes accompany Ministers on official public visits. Their purpose is to record the Minister's visit for publicity or other purposes, and as well as Ministers, may include any other individuals relevant to that visit when taking photographs.

- ***When was that policy introduced?***

This is a long standing policy.

- ***Has it been amended? If so when, and what, if any, changes were made?***

It has not.

- ***Are Assembly Members allowed to have their pictures taken with a Minister by an official/specially commissioned photographer?***

Where relevant to official visits (as above) there is no restriction on this from a Welsh Government point of view. Any restrictions relating to AMs in their capacity as Assembly Members would be a matter for the Assembly Commission.

The request you sent me contains personal data about you - for example, your name and address. I will only use this personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. I will keep your

personal data and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal data will then be disposed of securely.

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

or

Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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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

Head of Strategic Communications