

Our ref: ATISN 10162 Date: 22 February 2016

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10162

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 4 February 2016. You asked for the following information:

copies of all communications (including emails, SMS texts, WhatsApp and Direct Messages via Twitter) between Jo Kiernan (Special Advisor) and Cathy Owens of Deryn Consulting Ltd., between 1 January 2014 to 3rd February 2016.

Under Section 8(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a valid request for information is one which:

- (a) is in writing,
- (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and
- (c) describes the information requested.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office ('Recognising a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (Section 8))' confirms that:

The requester can be an individual, a company or an organisation but in each case they must provide their real name. A request made under a pseudonym will be invalid.

The Welsh Government has reason to believe that the name that this request was made under is a pseudonym. Consequently, we regard your request as being invalid under the Act and so will not be taking any further action on it.

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