



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10501

Date: 29 June 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10501

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 9 June 2016. You asked for the following information:

- (a) What procedure is presently laid down for the appointment of Special Advisers to Welsh Government Ministers in the Fifth Assembly?
- (b) What the procedure was for Special Adviser appointments from 2003 to 2016?
- (c) What the cost of appointing Special Advisers was from 2003 to 2016.

I have processed only part c of your request as seeking recorded information.

With regard to part a and b of your request, Special Adviser appointments are made by the First Minister in accordance with UK Cabinet Office guidance and contracting procedures overseen by the Civil Service Commission.

With regard to part c of your request, a written statement detailing appointments and costs is published annually. The most recent statement can be found, here

<http://gov.wales/caec/report/cabinetstatements/2015/10400978/spad?lang=en>

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

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