



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10545

Date: 21 July 2016

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10545

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 2 July 2016. You asked for the following information:

- (a) a copy of the UK Cabinet Office guidance relating to the appointment of Welsh Government Special Advisors together with any supplementary guidance from the civil service commission;*
- (b) What media was used to advertise Special Advisor posts between 2003 and 2016 and how much was spent by the Welsh Government placing these adverts broken down by year.; and*
- (c) The number of applicants for each special advisor post in each of the fourth and fifth Assembly.*

In respect of part (a) of your request I am attaching a copy of the Cabinet Office Code of Conduct for Special Advisers, and the Model Contract for Special Advisers in the Welsh Government. All Special Advisers are appointed in accordance with section 15 of the Constitutional Reform and Government Act 2010.

Information in respect of part (b) is as follows:

Year	Media used	Total Spend Including VAT
2003	Guardian, Western Mail & Echo, Golwg, Y Cymro and Liverpool Daily Post	Information no longer held
2004	Guardian, Western Mail & Echo, Golwg, Y Cymro and Liverpool Daily Post	£12,392.03
2005	Guardian, Western Mail & Echo, Public Jobs Wales WM and Liverpool Daily Post	£12,385.30
2008	Y Cymro, Western Mail and Daily Post and Golwg	£1,066.83

With regard to Question c, we did not advertise any posts in the fourth and fifth Assembly.



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Welsh Government,
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Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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

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Yours sincerely