



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10554

Date: 21 July 2016

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 10554

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 6 July 2016. You asked for the following information:

- *how much has been spent on Carwyn Jones the First Minister for Wales and his team on attending sporting events around the world since he has been in post; and*
- *can you please also advise if this is budgeted for.*

I have determined that to provide the information requested 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, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

The First Minister has been in post from December 2009 to the current day (July 2016) which equates to, approximately, 2400 days. To gather the information you have requested I would have to review every day of the First Minister's diary for this period. I estimate that it would take 1 minute to review each day. In addition I would have to examine more closely, and spend more time on, those days that I think may be of relevance to your request.

Given the above I estimate that it would take some 40 hrs (2400 days x 1 minute/60) to undertake the diary searching necessary to process your request. In addition, further time would be necessary to retrieve from Welsh Government records any costings which might be deemed appropriate to your request. Therefore the appropriate limit has been exceeded and your request has been refused on this basis. Should you wish to reformulate your request you may do so. Any reformulation would be treated as a new request for information.



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