Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Date: 12 August 2016

Dear,

Request for Information 10570 - Ministerial Diaries

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 15 July 2016. You asked for the following information:

a copy of all ministerial diaries of the 4th Assembly and the fifth thus far.

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

The information would need to be provided in hard copy form as we cannot for technical reasons provide it electronically. This would mean accessing and printing every Minister's archived or current calendar for every day for the period of the request. Our calculation of the work involved is as follows:

Taking an average of 12 Ministers per year x 365 days x 5 years = 21,900 days. Given the format in which we hold the calendar information, we estimate it would take 30 seconds to print each day's information. This means a total of 10,950 minutes which is 182.5 hours.

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



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