



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 10688

Date: 19 September 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10688

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 23 August 2016.
You asked for the following::

Between the dates January 1st 2016 - March 31st 2016 How many requests were made by the Welsh broadcast news/current affairs media for interviews with Welsh Government Ministers (see clarification below)?

- How many of these requests were granted?
- How many were declined?

For clarification: By broadcast news media I mean programmes which any reasonable person would see as Welsh broadcast media for example: BBC Wales (this includes Wales Today, politics show, radio programming and news produced for S4C) ITV Wales (News on ITV Wales, Current affairs programmes and programmes produced for S4C) and the various commercial radio stations with welsh news i.e. Capital/real radio (heart)

By 'Requests being made' I mean when the broadcast media made the approach for an interview, not when one was offered.

I have concluded that it is likely to 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. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £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.

Media interview requests over the period of time you have stated could be made to any number of Welsh Government staff for each respective Minister and in different formats – such information is not recorded or collated centrally. It would be necessary to identify any and all requests and from that point, as information has been asked on a specific subset relating to the Welsh broadcast media, then it would be necessary to disaggregate those from any information that was located.



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