

Our ref: ATISN 10709 Date: 27 September 2016

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10709

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 30 August 2016. I have provided my response to each of the questions you submitted, below.

It was announced today (30/08/2016) that the First Minister would be visiting the US next week as part of his drive to drum up business. With regards to this trip, can you confirm the following:

From which airport does the First Minister intend to fly?

Exempt under section 21 of the Fol Act as information accessible by other means. The information has been provided in the First Minister's answer to Written Assembly Question 70901 published on the National Assembly for Wales website.

Will the First Minister be flying in Business or First Class? If not either then please specify which grade of ticket he will be flying with.

Business Class.

How much will the visit cost? Please include travel and subsistence costs for the First Minister and other Welsh Government representatives.

This information is not held. The total cost is not yet known, but it will be published in due course as part of our annual publication of overseas visit costs in excess of £500.

Who will he be visiting during the trip?

Exempt under section 21 of the FoI Act as information accessible by other means. The information has been published in the First Minister's written statement to the Assembly on his visit: http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2016-new/visittousa/?lang=en



When was the idea for the visit first mooted, and when were the visits organised?

We hold no recorded information on when the idea for the visit was first mooted. Organisation of it began on 10 August 2016.

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