

Our ref: ATISN 10826  
Date: 14 November 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 10826

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 4 October 2016, regarding the European Advisory Group.

You raised three questions:

1. The names of the people on the Group.

A list of the European Advisory Group members is available on the Welsh Government website at the following link:

<http://gov.wales/topics/international/europeanaffairs/european-advisory-group/?lang=en>

2. Who appointed or invited these people to the Group?

Appointment to the Group was by the invitation of the First Minister. The European Advisory Group has been established to advise the Welsh Government on challenges and potential opportunities arising from the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. It brings together individuals with experience and expertise of European issues from across civic and political society in Wales.

This Group advises the Welsh Government and is not directly connected to the National Assembly for Wales.

3. Are these posts remunerated and/or expenses paid? If so what are the details of these arrangements?

Members of the Group give their time freely but are entitled to claim expenses according to standard government terms, as set out below:

The Welsh Government will reimburse:

- Train tickets
- Bus tickets
- Petrol (45 pence per mile)
- Car parking tickets
- Accommodation\*

\*If a meeting is due to start early, accommodation costs can be reimbursed. The Welsh Government will reimburse accommodation costs to a maximum cost of £95.00 per night, which can include the cost of breakfast if it is provided as part of the overall price.

The Welsh Government will not be able to contribute towards food or beverage costs.

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely