Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Our ref: ATISN 11058 Date: 16 February 2017

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11058

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 19 January 2017. You asked for the following information:

- What use of the Ministerial car did Mr David Goldstone have during the period of him advising the Minister Edwina Hart?
- What dates did Mr Goldstone use the Ministerial car? Please stipulate the locations for collection and dropping off.

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

To identify any recorded instance/s of Mr Goldstone travelling in a Government car with the Minister would involve reviewing all of the car log sheets for the period July 2011 to April 2015. This would mean reviewing 35 log sheets per week for a period of 188 weeks, ie 6,580 log sheets. Assuming 15 seconds to review each sheet means this would take almost 28 hours of work.

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