



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11163

Date: 31 March 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11163

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 8 March 2017. You asked for the following information:

The itineraries for the First Minister's visits to the USA in 2016 and 2017; documents and correspondence relating to the preparation of these itineraries, including requests for/invitations to meetings; and the minutes of meetings held by the First Minister on these visits.

I have attached at docs 1-4 copies of the First Minister's Programmes for his two visits to the USA, and the Written Statements on the visits which he issued on his return. We do not hold minutes of meetings held during these visits.

Regarding documents and correspondence relating to the preparation of the itineraries, 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.

From the time a visit is first suggested any number of officials could be involved in small or large parts of the development of the programme. It would take a great deal of time to identify every official that might have been involved during that process, and then to determine what information they may hold which is in scope of your request. I am satisfied that these tasks would exceed 24 hours of working time.

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