Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Our ref: ATISN 11405 Date: 11 August 2017

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11405

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

For each Government department, please provide a list of all pilot programmes commenced in 2016-17 and note which were approved for wider roll-out?

I have determined 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 in £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.

The Welsh Government does not hold information on pilot programmes in 1 central area. In order to locate, extract and retrieve any information which is held across the organisation would require a search of both electronic and hard copy records across more than 100 divisions. I estimate that each division would need a minimum of 20 minutes to just in the first instance, locate any information that is held in their area (before any further time is required to extract and retrieve it). The limit would therefore be exceed on just the location part of the exercise (100*20/60 = 33.3 hours).

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