



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11661

Date: 13 November 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11661

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 23 October 2017. You asked for the following information:

I am writing to request information regarding the Welsh Government's expenditure on alcoholic drinks in, 2015-16, 2016-17 and the year to date (or calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017-to date if more convenient).

Specifically I would like to know:

- The total spend on alcoholic drinks for each year.
- A breakdown of the number of different types of drinks bought in each year by make and price (e.g. 2015-16: 12 bottles of Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc @ £9.75/bottle, 42 bottles of Peroni @ £6/6x250ml etc.).
- A breakdown of which suppliers have been used to purchase these drinks and the total bills in each case (e.g. 2015-16 -Majestic wine merchants - £200).
- The number of functions and events where alcoholic drinks have been served.

I estimate that it will take longer than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

The Welsh Government's finance system does not hold the specific information you have requested and as such, officials would need to review transactions/records to respond.

During the period from 2017/1 to 2017/8 there have been 1,115 transactions booked to the hospitality nominal and 61,112 transactions booked to the travel & subsistence nominal on the Welsh Government's finance system (the nominal describes the category of expenditure). It would



require a review of these transactions to determine which related to alcohol. I estimate it would take approximately 3 minutes to extract and review each record categorised as hospitality or travel and subsistence to determine whether any information therein was captured by your request – this process would take 3,111 hours to complete (62,227 x 3mins / 60 = 3,111 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