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Our ref: ATISN 11496 Date: 11 December 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11496 – follow up information

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 4 December 2017.

You asked the following:

I had a quick query about the response to my freedom of information request (ref: 11496).

This <u>written answer</u> published in the past few days would seem to contradict your response, so I was hoping you could clear it up for me.

Due to an administrative oversight the initial records search did not reveal all of the complaints received under the Ministerial Code. I attach below an updated table which reflects the position as of the date of this letter.

| | Date of Complaint | Description of Complaint | Name of Minister (if found to have breached the code) |
|---|----------------------|--|---|
| 1 | June 2013 | Complaint about Minister breaching Ministerial Code in relation to a constituency issue | Leighton Andrews (former Minister for Education and Skills at the time) |
| 2 | July 2014 | Details of the complaint and the outcome are available publicly at the following link: http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/previous-administration/2014/ministerial/?lang=en | Alun Davies Minister for Natural Resources at the time, |



| 3 | March 2016 | Complaint about Minister acting unlawfully | Complaint not upheld |
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| 4 | April 2016 | Complaint against a Minister on handling of correspondence in relation to a local authority matter | Complaint not upheld |
| 5 | May 2016 | Complaint about a Minister not acting upon the powers available to him/her in legislation. | Complaint not upheld |
| 6 | January 2017 | Complaint about a Minister contravening the Ministerial Code in relation to constituency matters. | Complaint not upheld |
| 7 | March 2017 | Complaint about Minister's contributions in Plenary | Complaint not upheld |
| 8 | April / May 2017 | Complaint about a Minister misleading the Assembly. | Complaint not upheld |
| 9 | May 2017 | Complaints about the accuracy of information provided by a Minister | Complaint not upheld |
| 10 | June 2017 | Complaint about First Minister misleading the Assembly | Complaint not upheld |
| 11 | July 2017 | Complaint about First Minister misleading the Assembly | Complaint not upheld |
| 12 | September 2017 | Complaint about First Minister misleading the Assembly | Complaint not upheld |
| 13 | December 2017 | Complaint about First Minister not following due process | Complaint not upheld |

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