



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11945

Date: 21 February 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11945

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 24 January 2018. You asked for the following information:

*a list of all occasions on which Welsh Government Special Advisers have accompanied ministers on overseas trips; and
a copy of the First Minister's 'written approval' for those trips.*

The timeframe for the request is since the Assembly elections in May 2016

I have concluded the information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), information readily accessible to the applicant by other means.

The information requested can be found on the Welsh Government website here:

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/ministerial-code/?lang=en>; here:

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements/?lang=en>; and here:

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/decisions/?lang=en>

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