



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 12017 / 12018 / 12019 / 12023 /  
12024 / 12045 / 12046

Date: 5 March 2018

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

**Requests for Information – ATISN references 12017 / 12018 / 12019  
and related requests 12023 / 12024 / 12045 / 12046**

Thank you for your requests, which were received by the Welsh Government on 5 February 2018 and which are set out at Annex 1 to this letter.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows a public authority to refuse a request if it calculates that dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. 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.

In addition, The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allow a public authority to aggregate requests for the purposes of calculating the appropriate limit where they are made:

(a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,

Where they are, the Regulations state that the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the total costs of complying with all of them. This applies in circumstances in which –

(a) the two or more requests relate, to any extent, to the same or similar information, and

(b) those requests are received by the public authority within any period of sixty consecutive working days.

I can confirm that, along with your three requests, the Welsh Government has received four further requests, identically framed (in part) to your request. These have been logged as ATISN 12023, 12024, 12045 and 12046. The full text of these requests is set out in Annex 1, along with your three requests.

In terms of the initial criteria above, I believe that as the requests are all practically identical, aside from the changes in names of Cabinet Secretaries and particular months covered, they were submitted by requesters acting either in concert or in pursuance of a campaign. As the remainder of the criteria in the Regulations are satisfied, I have aggregated all seven requests for the

purposes of calculating the appropriate limit and have assessed that the combined total time to locate the information requested would be 54.83hrs.

In conclusion, I have determined that to provide the information requested in relation to these combined requests would cost more than the appropriate limit, which is £600 for central government, so I am refusing your requests on this basis.

However, we may be able to reconsider your requests if you were more specific about the information you require.

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](mailto: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

**ATISN 12017**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs in the months of October, November and December 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*

**ATISN 12018**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children in the months of October and November 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*

**ATISN 12019**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government in the months of October, November and December 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*

**ATISN 12023**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the Cabinet Secretary for Education in the months of October, November and December 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*

**ATISN 12024**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the Cabinet Secretary for Health in the months of October and November 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*

**ATISN 12045**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the First Minister in the months of October, November and December 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*

**ATISN 12046**

1. *The minutes of all meetings between representatives of external organisations and the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy and Infrastructure in the months of October, November and December 2017 as listed in the Ministerial Meetings and Engagements.*
2. *If these minutes/agendas will not be released under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act, confirmation that (1) an agenda (2) minutes of the meeting exist in each instance.*