



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Date: 6 March 2018

Dear ,

**Requests for Information – ATISN references
12027 / 12028 / 12029 / 12030 / 12033 / 12034 / 12035**

Thank you for your requests which were received by the Welsh Government on 6 February 2018.

In response to your requests (which I have set out at Annex 1), I have determined that to provide the information would cost more than the appropriate limit, which is £600 for central government - my reasons for doing so are also set out at Annex 1. However, we may be able to reconsider your request 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

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 12027

The release of all correspondence between Welsh Government and journalists at the BBC, ITV, S4C and Western Mail during the period between 09.00 on Monday 30th October 2017 and 22.30 on Monday 6th November?

ATISN 12028

All correspondence or notes of meetings between Welsh Government and a named BBC Wales journalist between the dates of Wednesday 1st November and Friday 3rd November 2017?

ATISN 12029

The release of all Welsh Government and First Ministerial related correspondence sent to and from the personal email accounts of the First Minister during the period of the Fifth Assembly.

ATISN 12030

All email correspondence (since the start of the 5th Assembly) which has been sent to and received from the personal email accounts of the First Minister, Cabinet Secretaries and Special Advisers.

ATISN 12033

All email correspondence which has been sent to or received from personal email addresses of Ministers and Cabinet Secretaries since the start of the 5th Assembly in May 2016?

ATISN 12034

Copies of all correspondence exchanged between the Special Advisers and BBC Wales/ITV Wales Journalists since 30th October 2017.

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ATISN 12035

Please provide copies of all correspondence exchanged between the First Minister, Special Advisers and Civil Servants between 30th October 2017 and 15th November.

Summary

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 consider that both sections a) above have been satisfied, as the requests are all from the same person and they all relate to the same or similar information.

Therefore, in calculating the appropriate limit I have aggregated each request above and the combined total time to locate the information would be 5,048.22hrs, more than the 24hrs set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

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.