



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 13439

18 October 2019

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 13439

I wrote to you on 1 October regarding your request for information. You asked for:

1. The amount spent by the Welsh Government on [DSEI 2019](#), showing how much was spent on costs for accommodation in London during the event, how much on travel, how much on food and how much on alcohol.
2. The number of Welsh government staff that attended the event.

You also indicated any searches we undertake should fall within the records retained by the Department for Economy, Skills and Natural Resources, as well as International Trade and Investment.

I confirm we hold information caught by your request. The information I am releasing to you is in two parts – costs for the event itself and also Travel and Subsistence costs for 12 Welsh Government officials over 5 days (Monday to Friday) who attended the event. All figures are inclusive of VAT.

Event Costs

The total event cost was £85,350. There were no accommodation and travel costs included in this total figure. £1,950 of the total event figure was for a 2 hour networking reception for 65 people (£468 for food and £1,482 for a drinks package which included 2 glasses of wine per person, Welsh beer, unlimited soft drinks, ice, hire of glassware and tableware). It is not possible to breakdown an exact amount for alcohol.

Travel and Subsistence



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

For the 12 Welsh Government officials who attended the event over the 5 day period, £7,186.21 was claimed for accommodation, £2,187.87 for travel and £477.20 for food. The accommodation for some of those who attended was necessary as they were attending other meetings not linked to this event. On average, there were 5 members of staff on the Welsh Government stand on each day to field FDI enquiries and to support the 6 Welsh businesses who were on the stand. Welsh Government officials do not claim for any alcohol they may have purchased for themselves.

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales. 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