

23 June 2023

Dear

FOI Request - ATISN 18608 – Meetings with Stonewall

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 June.

You asked for: The number of occasions that Welsh Government Ministers and officials have met with Stonewall Cymru since 2021.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

Please be advised that Welsh Government holds some but not all the information that has been requested.

The information you're requesting with regards to Ministers meeting with Stonewall Cymru is published on the Welsh Government website:

<https://www.gov.wales/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements>

The current logs contain the following information.

- July 2023, 1 meeting recorded, on 12 July 2023 Deputy Minister for Social Partnership (DMSP) met with Stonewall Cymru.
- January – March 2023, No record of Ministers meeting with Stonewall Cymru.
- October-December 2022, 1 meeting recorded, on the 4 October 2022 DMSP met with Stonewall Cymru.
- July-September 2022, No record of Ministers meeting with Stonewall Cymru.
- April-June 2022, No record of Ministers meeting with Stonewall Cymru.
- January -March 2022, No record of Ministers meeting with Stonewall Cymru.
- October- December 2021, No record of Ministers meeting with Stonewall Cymru.
- May-September 2021, 1 meeting recorded, on the 24 June, DMSP met with Stonewall Cymru.

There are no public archives concerning Welsh Government officials attending all meetings with stakeholders. Stakeholders such as Stonewall Cymru meet with

Welsh Government officials regularly, but there is no expectation to keep a record of all these meetings, as many are ad-hoc discussions.

Many meetings facilitated or chaired by Welsh Government where Stonewall Cymru may be in attendance would not be recorded as a meeting with Stonewall Cymru.

In addition, officials attend meetings set up by other organisations which Stonewall Cymru may also attend. These would not be recorded as meetings with Stonewall Cymru.

It is not possible to provide accurate figures for the number of meetings between Welsh Government officials and Stonewall Cymru since 2021. Although there are monthly meetings between Stonewall Cymru and Welsh Government officials to update on any actions they are taking forward in partnership with Welsh Government, especially in relation to the LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales.

This information contains details of ministers' meetings with external organisations and attendance at engagements can be found on the following link: [Ministerial meetings and engagements | GOV.WALES](#)

Next steps

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