

5 March 2024

Dear

### **ATISN 20243 - Helicopter trip**

Thank you for your requests, you requested the following information:

#### **Requests**

- Total cost of the helicopter chartered on 16 February 2024 for the use of the First Minister. Please also supply the details of why a helicopter was chartered rather than travelling by car, who made this decision and was a cost/benefit analysis done before taxpayer's money was spent on the helicopter? (requested 19 February)
- A list of all chartered helicopter trips taken by the First Minister in the past 12 months, including the reason for the trip and why public transport or the official car was not suitable. Please also include the total cost of each charter and whether the carbon footprint of each trip has been calculated and how it is justified due to, as he is fond of pointing out, the climate crisis? Please also list the occasions when the official chauffeured car has been driven to meet the First Minister when the helicopter lands. (requested 21 February)

#### **Our response**

In relation to your first request, we can confirm that the First Minister did not travel by helicopter. In relation to your second request, we can confirm that the First Minister has not travelled by private jet or helicopter in the last 12 months

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 e-mail: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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Information Commissioner's Office  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow

Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Kind regards