

04 September 2024

Dear

### **ATISN 20896 – Spend Against the International Relations Budget**

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 02 September. In your email you have asked:

*Would you therefore publish details of the 9664 transactions including full descriptions of the reason for each payment and what they were for?*

### **Response**

I have determined that your request is in relation to the response that you received to ATISN 20776 and I apologise if this response was not clear.

Your request for the “*...itemised budget lines for each and every cost associated with each budget line that you have already provided*” was refused on the basis that it exceeded the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The appropriate limit specified for central government 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. The process described in my response on 29 August (the consideration of each transaction related to the budget) would take staff over 80 hours to complete – nearly four times over the appropriate limit. This thorough examination process would be necessary to ensure that the information released into the public domain complied with GDPR and Data Protection legislation. Each transaction description would need to be read thoroughly to ensure that it did not contain personal information about third party recipients of payments. For this reason, it is not possible to review the 9664 budget lines within the 24 hour limit.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request. Please note that refining your request does not guarantee the release of information.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other

information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection.

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ  
E-mail: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/freedom-of-information-responses>).

Yours sincerely