



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11214

25 May, 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11214

I wrote to you on 2 May regarding your request for information. For the period from the beginning of 2015 to 29 March 2017, you asked for:

1. All correspondence, emails, meeting minutes, telephone notes, memorandums and any other recorded information regarding meetings and discussions between Welsh Government and Fox 21 Television Studios and their representatives.
2. The dates of all meetings held between Welsh Government and Fox 21 Television Studios.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with this response.

In my letter to you of 2 May, I explained that it was taking a little longer than expected to reply to your request as we were consulting with stakeholders and parties associated with this matter to seek their views on disclosure for some of the information you have requested. In addition to this initial exercise, and given the broad nature of your request, it has become apparent that dealing with your request will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data

Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds the appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

The Welsh Government's Information and Records Management policy is available to view at <http://gov.wales/about/foi/policies/recordsmanagement/?lang=en>. Section 7 of the policy, "What are our Corporate Record Keeping Systems?" explains that our records are stored on an Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS), known as iShare. iShare is the corporate repository for the majority of information created and received by Welsh Government Officials in the course of their duties that must be retained for business or historical purposes.

Documents are saved on iShare using naming conventions appropriate to the effective recording of information for our own purposes. Setting our systems in this way, in line with our Records Management policy, enables effective delivery but does not necessarily mean that our records can be easily interrogated for generic requests for information. Where the Welsh Government believes providing such information would involve tasks that would breach the appropriate limit then, in line with our obligations under the section 45 Code of Practice, we inform the requester of that fact and invite them to narrow or focus their requests.

We have identified that over 900 records pertaining to 'Fox 21', 'Fox TV' or 'Fox Television' are held on iShare. However, some of these may not be of the record types you have requested and they will not all be related to meetings and discussions between the Welsh Government and Fox. Those that do relate to meetings and discussions may fall outside the date range you have stipulated. This requires further investigation, as the date on which the record was stored on iShare will in some cases be different to the date of the meeting or discussion it relates to. Finally, it should be noted that Fox 21 Television Studios is a subsidiary of 21st Century Fox's Fox Entertainment Group and a division of 20th Century Fox Television. We would need to check each record to confirm whether it relates to dealings with Fox 21 Television Studios or another part of the Fox Group. Assuming it would take a minimum of two minutes to open each document and make the various checks needed to ascertain whether or not it is captured by your request, it would exceed 24 working hours. In addition, there have been numerous officials who will have corresponded with Fox 21 Television Studios since the beginning of 2015. Each of their e-mail accounts and records would also need to be searched to see if any information was captured. We also do not hold in a single space a record of all meetings held between the company and officials of the Welsh Government. It would be necessary, therefore, to search individual calendars. Cumulatively, the time needed to perform these actions would significantly exceed 24 working hours.

Due to the very broad nature of your request, the time it would take to deal with it for the reasons and calculations provided above, would exceed the 24 working hour limit provided for in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and regulation 4 of the Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. On that basis, I have decided not to process your request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope; for example, by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, or by reducing the search timeframe. For example is there a specific letter or piece of correspondence you are seeking? If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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