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Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11770

Date: 14 December 2017

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11770

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 28 November 2017. You asked for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I please ask how much has the Welsh Government spent on biscuits and other confectionery products for each year since May 2011.

I estimate that it will take longer than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This 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 Welsh Government's finance system does not hold the specific information you have requested and as such, officials would need to review transactions/records to respond.

During the period from 2011/1 to 2017/8 there have been 3,359 transactions booked to the hospitality nominals on the Welsh Government's finance system (the nominal describes the category of expenditure). It would require a review of these transactions and associated paperwork to determine which related to confectionery and biscuits, if indeed that level of detail was recorded. I estimate it would take approximately 3 minutes to extract and review each record categorised as hospitality to determine whether any information therein was captured by your request – this process would take 168 hours to complete (3,359 x 3mins / 60 = 168 hours).

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:

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Welsh Government,  
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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