

Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

Office of the First Minister and Cabinet Office



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 11847

Date: 17 January 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN reference 11847

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 18 December 2017.

You asked for the following information:

*Please provide a list of all occasions on which Welsh Government Special Advisers have accompanied ministers on overseas trips; a copy of the First Minister's 'written approval' for those trips;*

*(To narrow this request down, please include trips since May 5th 2011)*

I have concluded that the information you requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), information readily accessible to the applicant by other means.

In order to provide information since 5 May 2011, a significant amount of civil servants' time would be required to search for the requested information, which would exceed the statutory limit of £600 or 24 hours of search time. Therefore, it is not considered that this would be an appropriate use of the limited amount of Civil Servants' available time and resources.

However, from January 2017, Ministers' meetings with external organisations and attendance at engagements are published to the Welsh Government website quarterly. This information is available on the Welsh Government website here: <http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements/?lang=en>

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

Yours sincerely