



Our ref: ATISN 12914
Date: 13 March 2019

Dear _____,

Request for information reference ATISN 12914

Thank you for your request, which I received on 21 January 2019.

You asked for:

In light of the Information Commissioner's determination contained within his Decision Notice of 1 March 2012 that Government and Ministerial communication using private / personal electronic accounts, is captured by the Freedom of Information Act and therefore deemed to be Government business, I wish to make the following request.

Please provide copies of all correspondence (both sent and received) exchanged between the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, Lee Waters and employees and/or directors of Deryn Consulting between 12 December 2018 and 18 January 2019, via the following methods of communication:

- a) all private, personal and Welsh Government email accounts (these will include Hotmail, Gmail etc);*
- b) SMS texts via all personal and Welsh Government mobile phones and other devices (including laptops and tablets); and*
- c) Messages sent and received via all personal and Welsh Government mobile phones and other devices (including laptops and tablets) using encrypted messaging apps such as WhatsApp and Telegram.*

I can confirm that no such information is held.

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: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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