

Office of the First Minister  
Swyddfa'r Prif Weinidog



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 12970  
Date: 13 March 2019

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

**Request for Information reference ATISN 12970**

Thank you for your requests, which were received on 13 February 2019 and which are set out at Annex A to this letter.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows a public authority to refuse a request if it calculates that dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. 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.

For the purposes of calculating the appropriate limit, I have assessed that the combined total time to locate the information requested would be over 225 hrs.

In conclusion, I have determined that to provide the information requested in relation to this request would cost more than the appropriate limit, which is £600 for central government, so I am refusing your request on this basis. However, should you be able to refine your request to be more specific I may be able to further assist.

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](mailto: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

## Annex A

Please provide copies of the business diary of a named (former Special Adviser to the First Minister) between the following dates - 1 August 2017 to 12 December 2018 (inclusive).

To assist you in answering this request, you will note that such information relating to Special Advisers is captured by the Freedom of information Act, as demonstrated by the Scottish Government's recent reply to FOI/19/00085:

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