



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

20 March 2019

Dear ,

ATISN 13007 information with regard to the report entitled: “Teaching: A valued profession working towards A Career, Conditions and Pay Framework for School Teachers in Wales.”

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 February. You asked for information relating to the report: **“Teaching: A valued profession working towards A Career, Conditions and Pay Framework for School Teachers in Wales.”**

Some of the information you have requested is enclosed.

I have decided that some of the information requested is exempt from disclosure under the s21(1) “Information reasonably accessible” exemption provided by the Freedom of Information act 2000 (FOIA). This information is provided in the published report.

I have also decided that I cannot comply with some parts of the requests as doing so would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and is therefore withheld. The reasons for applying these exemptions are set out below.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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Q1 The number of those who participated in the consultation

The number of those who submitted a written response to the consultation (i.e. the “call for evidence”):

Participants	Number (28)
Headteachers (Primary)	5
Headteachers (Secondary)	5
Teachers (Primary)	1
Teachers (Secondary)	2
School Governors (Primary)	0
School Governors (Secondary)	1
Local Government officers	2
Welsh Government officers	0
Academics (other than the report authors)	0
Union Officials	8
Any others	4

Q2 A list of bodies who participated in the consultation

Q3 Notes/minutes of all meetings with stakeholders (with names and any other personal information redacted as appropriate).

I estimate that it will cost more than £1000 to answer these parts of 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.

In addition to the written consultation (the “call for evidence”), Panel Members held both formal and informal discussions with stakeholders throughout Wales over several months, including public events at a number of schools. As secretariat to the Independent Panel, Welsh Government officials often took brief notes of these meetings to serve as reminders for Panel members where necessary. In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require identification of all such meetings, attendees, identifying whether notes were taken, etc.; this would pass threshold for cost. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, for example, notes of a particular meeting; whether or not a particular organisation was consulted; etc. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

Q4 Statistical or financial information provided to the report authors for the purposes of facilitating their report.

Q5 Commissioned research reports used as a basis for the recommendations by the advisory panel specific to the production of this report.

Q6 Any other research-based reports used as a basis for the recommendations by the advisory panel specific to the production of this report

All Statistical or financial information provided; Commissioned Reports and other research-based reports are identified within the Report - a copy of which can be found at:

<https://beta.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-09/teaching-a-valued-profession-report-of-the-independent-review.pdf>

Q7 - Total fee paid by Welsh Government to the report authors

£57,000

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.

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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