



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref: ATISNI: 13009

27 March 2019

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Thank you for your request which I received on 27 of February. You asked:

- the names of those Minister's who have met with Powys Councillors in 2018/19
- the dates of those meetings
- the names of the councillors they met with.

I have decided that in line with the provisions provided in s12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), in this case, I cannot take forward your request as complying with the request, as drafted, would exceed the appropriate limit.

Section 12 of the FOIA 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.

In order to collate the information you have asked for we need to go through 14 different Ministerial diaries, covering some 250 days, looking to identify if any of the 73 Powys councillors has attended a meeting with a Minister. For the purposes of calculating the appropriate limit, based upon a sampling exercise I have assessed that the combined total time to locate the information requested would be over 66 hrs.

If you were to submit a revised, and more focussed request, perhaps focussing on one Minister or a particular councillor, your request will be treated as a new request.

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.

Sarn Mynach
Cyffordd Llandudno
Conwy
LL31 9RZ

Canolfan Cyswllt Cyntaf / First Point of Contact Centre
0300 0604400

We do publish Ministerial diaries, 3 months in arrears, on the Welsh Government website at <https://gov.wales/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements>. Going through these may help you focus any revised request you wish to submit.

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.

Your request contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours Sincerely