

29 April 2024

Dear

ATISN 20415 Alleged adoption of APPG definition of Islamophobia by the Welsh Government

Information requested:

Thank you for your request which I received on 29 March. You asked for:

Please could the Welsh Government provide the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- Please state whether or not it is true that you have adopted the APPG definition of Islamophobia (i.e. the definition of Islamophobia produced by the APPG on British Muslims and promoted by MEND), which is alleged in this video from 14 April 2023 by Sharifa Rahman, the Vice Chair of the Cardiff Working Group for MEND (Muslim Engagement and Development).
- If the answer is yes that the Welsh Government did adopt the definition, please provide all correspondence with Sharifah Rahman, MEND and all other organisations that requested you adopt the definition, all meeting agendas, minutes and papers for meetings where the question of whether or not this definition should be adopted was discussed; and whether the Welsh Government sought the advice of the UK government at any point, or the Commission for Countering Extremism, on this matter.

Our response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government has not adopted the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) definition of Islamophobia. As such, we do not hold any paper or electronic records confirming the adoption of this definition by Welsh Government.

Next steps

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