



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15575
Date: 15 October 2021

Dear

ATISN 15575

Thank you for your request which I received on 6 October 2021. I have provided my response to each of the questions you submitted, as follows:

Over the last 10 years... how many flights have been purchased by the Welsh Government? (Broken down by year. In 2021, I would like the amount up to now). Of those flights, where were they to/how many miles did they cover?

I estimate that it will take longer than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your requests. 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.

The Welsh Government's finance system does not hold the specific information you have requested and as such, officials would need to review transactions/records to establish what information is held to respond.

Over the 10 year period, there have been 946,495 transactions booked to the travel & subsistence nominal on the Welsh Government's finance system (the nominal describes the category of expenditure).

I estimate it would take approximately 3 minutes to extract and review each record to determine whether any information therein was captured by your request – the limit is therefore exceeded (946,495 x 3 minutes /60 = 47325 hours).

You may wish to narrow your request to focus on flights to a specific destination combined with a smaller time period. Please note however that any narrowed request which requires Welsh Government to undertake the exercise to locate, extract and retrieve information from our finance system may still exceed the appropriate limit. Any redefined questions will be treated as a new request for information.

How many people were sent out to the Expo in Dubai? Out of those, how many were there to discuss climate change?



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At the time of receiving your request, no Welsh Government Ministers or Officials have travelled to the Expo.

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