



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 16966

16 December 2022

Dear ,

ATISN 16966 – World Cup, Qatar Visit

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 December 2022. You asked for information relating to our response to FOI request [ATISN-16831](#) which was concerning the First Minister's visit to Qatar. Your questions were as follows:

1. Can you confirm please what organisation provided the accommodation, board and transport?
2. What is the Welsh Government's estimate of what this was worth?
3. Can you please disclose which hotel or hotels were used? How many days of accommodation was provided in total?
4. How many people (including officials and ministers) used this arrangement? Please make clear the number of officials distinct from the two ministers which attended.

Our response

The information you requested is as follows:

1. The Qatar Government provided the accommodation, board, and transport in Qatar for the first minister and accompanying officials as a part of a hospitality package offered to all delegates and their travelling parties attending the World Cup.
2. Welsh Government does not hold any information on the estimation for the provision of accommodation, board, and transport as this was a hospitality offer. The Welsh Government funded the costs of flights, detail of which can be found in [ATISN-16831](#)

3. The hotel used was the Ritz-Carlton, Doha for three nights for the First Minister's delegation and three nights at the same hotel for the Minister for Economy's delegation.
4. Six people in total used this arrangement. The First Minister travelled with two officials, as did the Minister for Economy.

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

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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