

1 December 2022

Dear

ATISN 16831 – First Minister’s Visit to Qatar

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 November 2022. You asked for:

- 1) The total projected spend of the First Minister’s visit to Qatar?
- 2) Will these costs be met by taxpayers (will it come from the Welsh Government budget?)

You asked that we include:

- a) Projected travel costs for all members of the Welsh Government.
- b) Projected travel costs for all members of staff employed or contracted by the Welsh Government.
- c) The projected costs for all Members of the Welsh Government alongside staff and contracted staff while in Qatar.

Our response

The information you requested is as follows.

- 1) The total projected spend is £13,007 including VAT which covers all flights for the First Minister’s delegation of three. Accommodation and transport costs in Qatar are projected to be nil. No information is held on projected subsistence claims.
- 2) The costs above will be paid from the Welsh Government budget.
 - a) Projected travel costs for all members of the Welsh Government -The First Minister’s proportion of the projected spend was £4,335.66
 - b) Projected travel costs for all members of staff employed or contracted by the Welsh Government – The proportion of the projected spend for the other two members of the delegation was £8671.33. Projected flight costs were the same for each member of the delegation.
 - c) The projected costs for all Members of the Welsh Government alongside staff and contracted staff while in Qatar. – Accommodation, board and transport expenses were provided, so the projected cost to Welsh Government is nil.

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