

12 January 2023

Dear

ATISN 16962

Thank you for your request which I received on 9 December 2022. You asked for the following information:

1. *Every single image ever taken by Mr Horwood for Welsh Government along with any associated press release.*
2. *All information relating to Mr Horwood's relationship with Welsh Government including all emails, invoices, notes, phone call records/audio.*

With regard to part 1 of your request, information can be found here.

- **29/06/20** - Education Minister visits Roath Park Primary School as students return – no press release
- **14/07/20** - First Minister Visits Ysgol Llanhari School for Q&A On Coronavirus - no press release
- **11/07/20** - First Minister visits the Hide, St. Donats, Wales: [Wales ready to welcome visitors again \(gov.wales\)](#)
- **03/08/20** - Wales Reopens Indoor Cafes and Restaurants to Customers. First Minister of
- Wales visits Page's fish and chip shop in Cwmbran, Wales – no press release
- **15/03/21** – Tree planting in Cwmcarn, Wales: [First Minister announces commemorative woodlands \(gov.wales\)](#)
- **24/08/21** - Neath and Newport, Wales – no press release
- **23/03/21** - National Coronavirus Commemorative Event at the Senedd: [National Coronavirus Commemorative Event \(gov.wales\)](#)
- **31/03/22** – Jeremy Miles school visit: [Early years settings ready to support roll out of Curriculum for Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)
- **13/06/22** - Finance Minister in Merthyr: [Instrument contract with added social value is music to Finance Minister's ears \(gov.wales\)](#)
- **01/12/22** – Signing of cooperation agreement: [First year of Co-operation Agreement delivers lasting change \(gov.wales\)](#)
- All photos saved as MHorwood publicly available on our media library are here: [Welsh Government News](#)

With regard to part 2 of your request, I have concluded that it will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and

extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

You have requested a range of information over an unspecified timescale which will have involved different teams, different departments across the Welsh Government and involving current and former staff, all of whose records would have to be consulted, where available. Your request referencing “every single shred” of information or records makes the search very difficult and very time consuming to deal with. An electronic search for the information within the parameters you have given will return many records, most of which will not be relevant to your request, if at all.

For example, our Welsh Government database, iShare records several thousand separate results for “Horwood”. This is the corporate repository for the majority of information created and received by Welsh Government officials in the course of their duties that must be retained for business or historical purposes, but further such information may be held by individuals which would require separate commissioning and searching.

Whilst there may be some records where it is immediately obvious they do not fall within scope, nonetheless, an exercise to locate, extract and retrieve the document to confirm the position would be required. Taking a moderate 3 mins per record, the appropriate limit would be exceeded on just 1000 records. Additional time to undertake other searches including email correspondence for relevant staff members should also be taken into consideration.

Because this exceeds the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, I have decided not to process that part of your request. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates, types of documents or periods of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.

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 e-mail: 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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely