

19 December 2022

Dear

ATISN 16972 – Football and associated costs

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 December 2022. You asked for information relating to ministerial visit to the FIFA World Cup and associated costs. Your questions were as follows:

- In addition to the First Minister, which Ministers or Members of Senedd travelled to the World Cup, and what standard of flights did they take.
- How long did the first Minister stay in Qatar for the World Cup.
- If the First minister had any meetings planned during his trip in addition to his attendance of the World Cup, and what did he hope to gain from any meetings scheduled.
- Which hotel did the First Minister stay at, and what star rating was the hotel.
- What was the total cost for the visit to Qatar for the First Minister and any travelling Officials.

If the First Minister has contributed towards the cost of the visit to Qatar.

Our response

The information you requested is as follows:

1. In addition to the First Minister, the Minister for Economy also travelled to Qatar for the World Cup. Both the First Minister and Minister for Economy travelled business class.
2. The First Minister attended the World Cup in Qatar between the 19 and 22 November 2022.
3. The First Minister issued a statement detailing his activities and engagements during the World Cup, which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-ministerial-overseas-visit-qatar-0>

4. The First Minister stayed at the Ritz-Carlton, this was a five-star hotel. The majority of hotels in Doha are rated four and five stars.
5. Information regarding the total cost for the visit for the Minister and Travelling officials have previously been disclosed and can be found at [ATISN-16831](#) and ATISN-16885.

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