

30 January 2023

Dear

ATISN 17024 – Overseas Travel

Thank you for your request which I received on 09 January 2023. You asked for the following information related to the business trips to Qatar, made by the First Minister and the Minister for Economy. Your questions were as follows;

- How many meetings were attended by each minister and whom did they meet on each occasion?
- Which members of the Qatar Government met with the ministers?
- What was the nature of the "cultural meetings"?

Our response

The information you requested is as follows:

- Information regarding the meetings attended by each minister during their visits to the World Cup in Qatar, and who they met, have previously been disclosed and can be found at [ATISN-16921](#) and [ATISN-16948](#).
- In regard to the cultural meetings, the First Minister's visit to the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) was to progress the partnership with the National Museum of Wales (NMW) on collaboration on inviting young educations and curators (particularly females) from MIA to spend time with NMW to share information and learning experiences.

The Minister for Economy met with Lleisiau and Wales Arts International at the Peaceful Progress mural – this cultural meeting was to support and promote the Welsh cultural offer during the World Cup and to also raise the profile of Wales' cultural offering. This event was in conjunction with the British Council.

Written Statements detailing ministerial activities and engagements in Qatar can be found using the following links:

- [Written Statement: First Minister Visit to Qatar](#)
- [Written Statement: Minister for Economy Visit to Qatar](#)

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