



Our ref: ATISN 18928
Date: 28 September 2023

Dear _____,

ATISN 18928

Thank you for your request which I received on 30 August 2023. Further to our response under ATISN 18808, you asked for the following information:

1. Who was in the ministerial car (apart from the driver) when it returned to Cardiff?

It is stated that 'if transport is provided by Welsh Government, then this data (i.e., the carbon footprint) is recorded.'

However, in an earlier FOI (ATISN 18638) it was stated that 'Welsh Government does not record the carbon footprint of individual journeys made in official cars.'

2. Please explain the reason for these two contradictory statements in view of the fact that official cars count as transport provided by Welsh Government.
3. Are any official cars and/or drivers based in North Wales or anywhere else in Wales other than Cardiff and if not, why not?

In response to question 1, a Welsh Government Official was in the ministerial car (apart from the driver) when it returned to Cardiff.

In relation to question 2, to clarify your perceived contradiction, The Welsh Government does not record the carbon footprint of individual journeys made in official cars. However, the overall carbon footprint which covers all journeys in official cars is.

Regarding question 3, the Freedom of Information Act requires organisations to only provide information already held in recorded form. Organisations do not have to create new information or find the information to answer to a question. Welsh Government does not hold information that relates to your question. The official car service is based from Cardiff.



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Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

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Yours sincerely