

20 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 19056 - Freedom of Information request - Internal communications on the closure of Chwarae Teg.

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 September 2023.

Question 1:

You asked for the date and purpose of meetings held between the Minister for Social Justice and Chwarae Teg since January 2019.

The response provided relates to face to face and/or virtual meetings between the Minister for Social Justice and Chwarae Teg. The post of Minister for Social Justice was created in May 2021 and therefore the following information is provided from that date only.

Date of meeting	Purpose of meeting
19 February 2022	To discuss 2022/23 funding and highlight the work undertaken in supporting Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic women and those adversely affected as a result of COVID.
9 March 2023	Introductory meeting with Lucy Reynolds, new CEO of Chwarae Teg

Question 2:

You asked for details of meetings held between Chwarae Teg and senior officials (Grade 7 and above) of Welsh Government since January 2019.

We wrote to you on 16 October 2023 explaining that due to the wide scope of the request complying with the request in its entirety will likely exceed the appropriate limit of costs (£600), as set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (FOIA).

Question 3:

You asked for internal communications regarding the closure of Chwarae Teg, covering the period June 2023 to present.

We wrote to you on 12 October 2023 explaining that complying with the request in its entirety will likely exceed the appropriate limit of costs (£600), as set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (FOIA).

Question 4:

You asked to see internal communications regarding the formulation of Welsh Government's public position and statements to the media about the closure of Chwarae Teg, covering the period June 2023 to the present.

Eleven email chains are included.



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Chain 1.pdf



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Chain 11.pdf

Question 5:

You asked when the Minister for Social Justice was first made aware of Chwarae Teg's intention to close?

The Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip was made aware of the Chwarae Teg's intention to close on 13 September 2023.

Question 6:

You asked for internal communications regarding the closure of Chwarae Teg, covering the period June 2023 to present.

This was a repeat of Question 3, and so the same response applies. We wrote to you on 12 October 2023 explaining that complying with the request in its entirety will likely exceed the appropriate limit of costs (£600), as set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (FOIA).

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