

22 January 2025

Dear

**ATISN 23213**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 December 2024. You asked for the following information:

*A breakdown of payments made to the following hotel chains for hosting Welsh Government events over the last three years (or ideally the last five years)?*

- **Marriott Hotels** - e.g. Cardiff Marriott, Delta Hotels by Marriott, Swansea, Marriott St. Pierre
- **Hilton** - e.g. Hilton Cardiff, Hilton Snowdonia
- **Intercontinental** - e.g. Voco (formerly St. David's Hotel, Cardiff), Hotel Indigo, Cardiff and any Holiday Inn,
- **Wyndham** - e.g. Cwrt Bleddyn; Heritage Park, Pontypridd; Ramada Plaza, Wrexham and any Days Inn
- **Accor** - e.g. Any Mercure hotel, any Novotel and any ibis Hotel
- **Celtic Collection** - e.g. Celtic Manor, ICC Wales, Parkgate, Coldra Court and St Brides' Spa

I have reached the conclusion 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.

An initial search by relevant nominals has identified 40,905 transactions on Welsh Government's finance system over the last 3 years. Please note further transactional information could be held on our system which would not have been included in the search referred to above.

Each transaction may contain information that would not be in the scope of your request e.g. Travel and Subsistence reimbursement to staff. I have therefore estimated it would take approximately 30 seconds to review each of the transactions to specifically identify payments made to all hotels within the identified chains (both in and outside of Wales) the limit is therefore exceeded ( $40,905 \times 0.5/60 = 340$  hrs).

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope, for example providing an exact list of hotels and their locations within a defined time frame i.e. are you only seeking on Wales only locations.

Please note that any narrowed scope may still require a similar exercise to be carried out to locate, extract and retrieve any information held but if refined as described may come within the limit.

Any refinement of your question will be treated as a new request.

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](mailto: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](http://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