

7 May 2025

Dear

**ATISN 24626**

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 April 2025. You asked for the following information:

all correspondence between Vaughan Gething MS and Cabinet Secretaries / Ministers between 1 April 2024 and now.

Following our request for clarification, you confirmed you were seeking disclosure of all correspondence between Mr Gething and Cabinet Secretaries / Ministers, both in relation to all aspects of government business and constituency matters and encompassing both correspondence from Mr Gething and responses to him.

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 the 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.

To fully identify the information for this request, we would need to search several systems and mailboxes. This search is further complicated as, during part of the period, Vaughan Gething MS was First Minister, and e-mails/letters from his MS office could have been sent from a number of people.

Amongst the other systems, there are at least 90 immediately identified mailboxes that must be checked, and to completely comply with the request, there will be several other mailboxes that would need to be searched.

From a preliminary search, it is likely that each mailbox would produce on average 350 possible results. To check these manually would take at least 45 seconds per e-mail. For one mailbox, the time taken therefore would be at least 4 hours, for the 90 mailboxes already identified it would take 360 hours, or 15 days, before the additional work required to search the other systems and identify records from them is undertaken.

Because this exceeds the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, I have decided not to process that part of your request. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, for example a subject matter, including any dates or period of time

relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.

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)

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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

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