

1 June 2026

Dear

ATISN 26952

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 May. On 19 May, you refined your request to ask for the following:

1. Information held by the Welsh Government (including briefing papers and impact assessments) that informed you about the UK Government's decisions regarding devolution of powers, and
2. Any information given to the Office of the First Minister by a relevant agency in regard to the devolution of further powers.

Our response

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.

Even as refined, your request remains too broad. A further search of our Welsh Government database (iShare) using the term 'devolution of powers' returned 158,324 records. This is the corporate repository for the majority of information created and received by Welsh Government Officials in the course of their duties that must be retained for business or historical purposes.

At an estimate of taking 2 minutes to investigate each document to see if it contains any relevant information and to then extract it would take in excess of 24 hours for this exercise alone. 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 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 (providing a clearer description and avoiding broad terms such as "any" "all"), which decision of the UK government are you interested in
- clarifying what you mean by 'relevant agency' i.e. providing a list of organisations or bodies; and
- specifying 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.

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 e-mail: Freedom.of.information@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

Website: 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