

16 July 2026

Dear

ATISN 27010

Thank you for your request which I received on 23 May. You asked for the following information, covering the period 1 March 2020 to 31 July 2021:

1. The total travel expenses claimed by each Welsh Government Minister during the above period.
2. A breakdown by Minister of:
 - mileage claims;
 - rail travel;
 - taxi/private hire travel;
 - accommodation; and
 - ministerial vehicle costs.
3. Any guidance or policy issued to Ministers regarding official travel during COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.
4. Any summary reports or internally produced totals comparing ministerial travel expenditure before and during lockdown periods.

Our response

The response to questions 1 & 2 is shown below. The Welsh Government does not record the costs of individual official vehicle journeys.

	Mileage £	Rail £	Taxi/Private Hire £	Accommodation £
Dafydd Elis-Thomas	88.20	-	-	-
Lesley Griffiths	3346.20	263.90	-	-
Ken Skates	-	-	100.00	-
Lee Waters	-	-	26.90	-
Hannah Blythyn	1269.00	-	-	-
Dawn Bowden	208.80	-	-	-

With regard to question 3. We have not located any record of any guidance or policy specifically issued to Ministers regarding official travel during COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. Ministers followed legal restrictions in place at the time, in addition to health and safety at work guidance.

In regard of question 4. We have not located any record of any summary reports or internally produced totals comparing ministerial travel expenditure before and during lockdown periods.

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.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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