

24 August 2026

Dear

**ATISN 27267**

Thank you for your requests which I received on 27 and 28 July 2026.

I have set out at Annex 1, the questions you submitted and my response to each.

### **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](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  
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

## Annex 1

### Request 1 – 27 July 2026 ([request-1478499-fbd20231@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-1478499-fbd20231@whatdotheyknow.com))

A summary of the total expenses claimed so far by each Cabinet Minister and Deputy Minister for travel and hospitality whilst performing their respective roles since they assumed their posts following the recent Senedd election.

Information broken down by individual, as well as by types of transport/hospitality.

**Response: The reference to hospitality in the question has been interpreted as referring to accommodation, subsistence and any other related expenses where a claim has been submitted.**

**The information requested to 27 July 2026 is shown below:**

| Minister                                                                   | Mileage | Rail | Taxi/Private Hire | Accommodation | Any other expenses |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality | -       | -    | -                 | £448.00*      | -                  |

*\*Relates to an overnight stay in London for the Minister and Private Secretary.*

### Request 2 – 27 July 2026 ([request-1478501-8b0e8cc8@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-1478501-8b0e8cc8@whatdotheyknow.com))

A breakdown, by Cabinet Minister and Deputy Minister, of total miles travelled in Ministerial Cars since they took office after the recent Senedd election to present.

**Response: The Welsh Government does not record the mileage of individual official car journeys.**

The number of trips by individual.

**Response: The information requested to 27 July 2026 is shown below:**

|                                                                            | Numbers of journeys |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| First Minister                                                             | 56                  |
| Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality | 53                  |
| Trefnydd, Chief Whip and Cabinet Minister for Culture and Sport            | 60                  |
| Cabinet Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning                | 38                  |
| Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability                   | 46                  |
| Cabinet Minister for Health and Care                                       | 19                  |
| Cabinet Minister for Finance                                               | 3                   |

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| Cabinet Minister for Government Effectiveness and the Constitution | 4  |
| Cabinet Minister for Education and the Welsh Language              | 18 |
| Cabinet Minister for Enterprise, Connectivity and Energy           | 43 |
| Deputy Minister for Transport                                      | 46 |
| Deputy Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education                  | 35 |
| Deputy Minister for Social Care, Mental Health and Women's Health  | 55 |
| Deputy Minister for Public and Preventative Health                 | 35 |
| Counsel General                                                    | 33 |

**Request 3 – 28 July 2026 ([request-1479142-af92c364@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-1479142-af92c364@whatdotheyknow.com))**

A breakdown by Cabinet Minister and Deputy Minister (including the First Minister and Deputy First Minister) of their total expenditure incurred since taking office following the recent Senedd election on communications support provided specifically to that Minister, including but not limited to:

- Press office support

**Response: All press office support is provided in-house by the civil service to all Ministers, including First Minister and Deputy First Minister.**

- PR agency and media consultant support

**Response: A programme of media training was provided for all new Ministers, delivered by Freshwater PR following a competitive tender process, with a total value of £10,750. Other than that, no PR agencies work to support Ministers directly.**

- Communications advisers

**Response: No external communications advisers have been engaged to support Ministers.**

- Content production services (including digital media)

Digital communications staff

Social media support

**Response: These are provided in-house by civil service teams.**

Speechwriting

**Response: There has been no external expenditure on speechwriting during this Senedd term to date.**

Photography

**Response: Photography services are commissioned on an ad hoc basis where required. Expenditure on this is not collated centrally.**

Graphic design

**Response: This is undertaken by an in-house graphic design team.**

Media monitoring services

**Response: This is provided centrally for all Ministers by the press office. Onclusive were appointed to provide this service following a competitive tender and cost £12,306 for the financial year to date.**

For each category of expenditure, please provide:

- The amount spent.
- The name of the company, organisation or individual providing the service.
- A brief description of the service provided, where recorded.

Where expenditure is not recorded separately for individual Ministers but is shared across ministerial offices, provide any recorded breakdown or methodology used to allocate those costs.