

14 October 2026

Dear

ATISN 27401

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 August 2026. I have set out at Annex 1, the questions you submitted.

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.

The information you have requested does not exist in a single, extractable source. To identify if we hold the information requested, we will need to open each individual entry in the Ministerial calendar and search through multiple attachments within each one.

We can only open each individual entry by opening each day in the calendar. Simply opening this many days (100 days in 15 calendars) totals 375 minutes – assuming 15 seconds per day to navigate to each day and open, this would therefore take 41 minutes for each individual minister.

Then assuming an average of 7 calendar appointments per day (some days would have significantly more) and assuming an average of 3 minutes to open each entry, identify the contents, review attachments for information and extract and collate any relevant information, we would need an additional 35 hours per calendar. Therefore, doing so for any individual calendar would, by itself, be over the appropriate limit as outlined above.

As you already indicate the Welsh Government will be publishing details of ministers' meetings with external organisations and attendance at engagements in early October (and then quarterly going forward with further publications scheduled in January, April, July and October 2027)

The first tranche covering the period from the formation of the government following the May 2026 election to the end of September 2026 has now been published in line with the normal protocol for publication in election years.

This information will provide some of the information you have requested above. You may therefore wish to review this now published information as it may contain the information you seek.

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

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

Annex 1

Please provide the recorded diary entries for the period from 13 May 2026 to 24 August 2026 for:

- Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, First Minister;
- Sioned Williams MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality;
- Elin Jones MS, Cabinet Minister for Finance;
- Heledd Fychan MS, Trefnydd, Chief Whip and Cabinet Minister for Culture and Sport;
- Dafydd Trystan Davies MS, Cabinet Minister for Government Effectiveness and the Constitution;
- Mabon ap Gwynfor MS, Cabinet Minister for Health and Care;
- Adam Price MS, Cabinet Minister for Enterprise, Connectivity and Energy;
- Anna Brychan MS, Cabinet Minister for Education and the Welsh Language;
- Llŷr Gruffydd MS, Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability;
- Siân Gwenllïan MS, Cabinet Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning;
- Nerys Evans MS, Deputy Minister for Public and Preventative Health;
- Delyth Jewell MS, Deputy Minister for Social Care, Mental Health and Women's Health;
- Mark Hooper MS, Deputy Minister for Transport;
- Cefin Campbell MS, Deputy Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education; and
- Elfyn Llwyd, Counsel General.

For each minister, please provide a chronological list or spreadsheet containing:

1. The date and scheduled start and finish time of each diary entry.
2. The title or recorded description of each entry.
3. The location, where disclosure would not create a current security risk.
4. Whether the engagement was held in person, online or by telephone.
5. The names of external organisations represented and, where recorded, the names and positions of senior external attendees.
6. The relevant ministerial portfolio or stated purpose of the engagement.
7. Whether a Welsh Government official, special adviser or communications officer attended. I am not requesting the names of junior officials.
8. Whether the entry was classified as:
 - a. official ministerial business;
 - b. an internal Welsh Government meeting;
 - c. a Cabinet or Cabinet committee meeting;
 - d. a meeting with an external organisation;
 - e. a visit or public engagement;
 - f. a media or communications engagement;
 - g. Senedd business;
 - h. constituency business;
 - i. party-political business;
 - j. travel; or
 - k. private or personal time.

9. Whether the engagement took place, was cancelled, was postponed or was rearranged.
10. For cancelled engagements, the recorded date of cancellation and reason for cancellation, where held.

Please include ministerial meetings, visits, receptions, conferences, stakeholder engagements, media appearances, filming, official telephone calls and online meetings. Please also include diary entries taking place during evenings and weekends.

I recognise that the detailed substance of Cabinet discussions, policy advice, private personal information and information creating a genuine security risk may be exempt. I am not seeking:

- the content of policy discussions;
- personal contact details;
- the private addresses of ministers or other individuals;
- information about family members;
- live or future travel arrangements; or
- information revealing security or protective arrangements.

Where an entry cannot be disclosed in full, please provide the date, time, broad category and status of the entry, with only the genuinely exempt information redacted. Please do not withhold an entire diary or entry where meaningful non-exempt information can be provided.

I am aware that the Welsh Government intends to publish details of seventh-Senedd ministerial engagements quarterly from October 2026. If section 22 of the Act is relied upon, please:

1. identify precisely which parts of this request will be included in the planned publication;
2. confirm the intended publication date;
3. explain whether the publication will include internal meetings, media engagements, cancelled appointments, evening and weekend engagements, and the other categories requested above; and
4. provide any information within the scope of this request that will not form part of the planned publication.