



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

12 January 2021

Dear

ATISN: 14642 and ATISN: 14643 - Correspondence, with Humanists UK and National Secular Society

Thank you for your request which I received on 09 December. You asked for:

- Copies of all correspondence with Humanists UK, or their representatives, for the period of June 2018 to the present (ATISN 14642)
- Copies of all correspondence with National Secular Society, or their representatives, for the period of June 2018 to the present (ATISN 14643)

When requested for refinement of these requests, you specified that it is in relation to matters concerning collective worship, RE and RVE.

Our response

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

Additionally, the 2004 Regulations permit us to aggregate requests which are clearly linked.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require searching internal filing records for meeting minutes, and records of the regular engagement which myself and my colleagues have with individuals from these organisations individually, and with other stakeholders in relation to this matter. I estimate that this would be approximately 40 hours of Welsh Government time for the Curriculum Division.

Your requests, as refined, would encompass not only the individual engagement activity with these organisations, which would likely exceed this limit alone, but additionally the numerous meetings and workshops which they have been represented at alongside other stakeholders, in the collaboration and co-construction

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

of materials relating to the Curriculum for Wales. The request would also extend beyond the Curriculum Division within the department for Education. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. Rather than ask for everything in the hope it might contain what you are looking for, it might be better to set out what exactly it is you are looking for and ask for that, if it exists. You may wish to consider a shorter time period, or specifying which aspects of Collective Worship, RE, or RVE you wish to know about. 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 Email: 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.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.