



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15197

Date: 11 June 2021

Dear

ATISN 15197

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 June 2021. You asked for the following information regarding Welsh Government Advisory Boards:

A breakdown of expenses claimed by all Welsh Government advisory boards in the years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21.

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.

You have requested information for Welsh Government Advisory Boards expenses over a 3 year period. Welsh Government's categorisation of public bodies does not include 'Advisory Boards', however it does include over 400 Advisory Panels, Task and Finish and Stakeholder Groups which are managed across the Welsh Government involving many different teams and different departments all of whose records would have to be consulted.

Interrogation of our financial system, whilst holding details of expenses claims does not hold centrally the information you seek analysed by 'Advisory Boards'.

At an estimate of taking 10 minutes to investigate each Advisory Panels, Task and Finish and Stakeholder Group records to see if it contains any relevant information and to then extract it would take in excess of 24 hrs for this exercise alone, 10 minutes is unlikely to be sufficient to source 3 years-worth of expenses information.

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:

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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