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Dear

## **ATISN 15550 Adoption of IHRA definition of anti-Semitism**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 September. Your original request was sent to a defunct mailbox and therefore not received by us until now. I am sorry you have had to wait for a response.

You asked whether the adoption of the IHRA definition was discussed by the Government, and if so, the location of the Hansard Report. You also asked about the status of the definition if adopted by the Government but not by the Senedd.

### **Our response**

It was the then-First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM's decision that the Welsh Government would adopt the IHRA definition, as publicised in the Written Statements published on 16 May 2017 and 17 October 2018. The Welsh Ministers within the Welsh Government were able to adopt this definition to help guide its work, irrespective of whether Senedd Cymru adopted the definition themselves. The definition applies to an organisation – in this case the Welsh Government – and Senedd agreement was not required to put this into effect.

The IHRA definition and Welsh Government adoption has since been discussed in the Senedd Cymru on numerous occasions and further details can be found by searching the record of proceedings: [Search - Welsh Parliament \(senedd.wales\)](#)

The IHRA definition has no legal status but adoption was considered to be an important step to support understanding and recognition of contemporary forms of antisemitism and to be clear that antisemitism in any form will not be tolerated in Wales.

### **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,  
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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