

16 September 2022

Dear

**ATISN 16595 – Breakdown of International Relations Costs**

Thank you for your information request received on 22 August 2022. You asked for:

- 1. A detailed breakdown of activities for 2021-22 including the individual costs. This includes: the hosting of representatives of foreign governments; international visits and activity to promote Wales (including St David's Day); engagement at climate change and sustainability summits; soft power engagement and public diplomacy; diaspora engagement; events at Dubai Expo; Wales in Germany; bilateral country and regional cooperation; international celebrations (such as Diwali); marketing and communications.*
- 2. The representatives of foreign governments that were hosted in the year 2021-22.*
- 3. Clarification as to whether diaspora engagement is only referring to Welsh diaspora or diaspora of other groups.*

The information you have requested for is contained at Annex A. I can confirm that not all of the information for Part 1 is held but I have provided the information that we do hold. Parts 2 and 3 are provided in full.

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.

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane

Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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

## Information to be Released

### Part 1 – Breakdown of the activity spend for 2021-22

As set out in ATISN 16531, departments from across the Welsh Government engage in international relations activity where it helps deliver on their objectives and there is no central record of this activity and associated spend. Therefore, the Welsh Government does not hold the information broken down at the level of detail you have requested.

In 2021-22, the International Engagement budget was £3.47m and most of this budget will support the promotion of Wales in some form – as will other budgets within Welsh Government. The budget allocated the following amounts to each of the Action Plans which provide the framework for our international activity as follows:

- Diaspora Engagement - £260,000
- Public Diplomacy and Soft Power - £1,332,000
- Priority Regional Relationships and Networks - £100,000
- Wales and Africa - £350,000 (towards the Wales and Africa programme)
- Cross-cutting activity - £1,428,000

### Part 2 - Representatives of foreign governments hosted in 2021-22

June 2021:	Indian High Commissioner Irish Ambassador Polish Ambassador
July 2021:	Pakistan High Commissioner Slovak Ambassador Japanese Ambassador Canadian Deputy High Commissioner EU Ambassador
October 2021:	Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs Irish Minister of State for Trade Promotion Finnish Ambassador New Zealand High Commissioner
November 2021:	Indian High Commissioner British Irish Council French Ambassador German Ambassador
December 2021:	Hungarian Ambassador Canadian High Commissioner
March 2022:	Dutch Ambassador President of Regional Council of Brittany Vice-president of Regional Council of Hauts-de-France Deputy Chief Minister of the Government of Gibraltar Finnish Ambassador Agent General of South Australia Moldovan Ambassador

### Part 3 – Clarification of the Welsh Government definition of diaspora

Our engagement with diaspora is as set out in our [Diaspora Engagement Action Plan](#). I have included the definition of diaspora below for ease:

- Lived diaspora – individuals born in the home country who now live permanently or temporarily in a host country.
- Ancestral diaspora – individuals with ancestral links to the home country.
- Next generation diaspora – these are younger members of the diaspora, typically under the age of 35.
- Returning diaspora – diaspora members who have lived overseas and have since returned to Wales.
- Affinity diaspora – nationals of other countries who work or study, or who once worked or studied in Wales.