

19 January 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 16996 – Attendance at World Cup matches**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 December 2022. You asked for information relating to the number of Welsh Government representatives who attended matches at the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. Your questions were as follows;

- A breakdown of the numbers who went and whether they were Civil Service, elected representative or political aide - or any others included in the delegation
- The date(s) attended
- Who paid for the trip
- A breakdown of spending on travel, accommodation and expenses
- Whether any other business was carried out during the trip.

### **Our response**

The information you requested is as follows:

1. Information regarding how many travelled, the travel costs and accommodation for Welsh Government officials, and the First Minister and Minister for Economy's visit to the World Cup have previously been disclosed and can be found at [ATISN-16831](#), [ATISN-16855](#), [ATISN-16885](#), [ATISN-16972](#) and [ATISN-16975](#).
2. With regard to the dates attended and other business carried out during the trip:
  - The First Minister issued a statement detailing his activities and engagements during the World Cup, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-ministerial-overseas-visit-qatar-0>
  - The Minister for Economy issued a statement detailing his activities and engagements during the World Cup, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-ministerial-overseas-visit-qatar-1>

### **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](mailto: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