

6 February 2023

Dear

ATISN 17030 – Overseas Travel

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 January 2023. You asked for:

1. *How many times Welsh government ministers and officials used the following airports departing on overseas trips in 2022:*
 - *Cardiff Airport*
 - *Bristol Airport*
 - *Heathrow Airport*
 - *Any other airport*
2. *Which countries were visited in 2022?*
3. *What was the total cost of all flights in 2022?*
4. *Which airlines were used?*
5. *How many of these flights were in business and first class?*
6. *How many overseas visits has the first minister undertaken in 2022?*

The information requested covering ministerial travel is exempt under Section 22 of the FOI Act (information intended for future publication) as the details of ministerial overseas travel is published annually (by financial year) in line with the Ministerial code here - [Ministerial code | GOV.WALES](#). The information requested for travel by officials (parts 1 to 5) is set out in Annex A below.

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

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: 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

AIR TRAVEL BY WELSH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN 2022**Number of times Welsh Government officials used the following airports to depart on an overseas trip:**

Cardiff Airport	10
Bristol Airport	41
London Heathrow Airport	75
Other	32

List of countries visited

Austria	France	Latvia	Slovenia
Belgium	Germany	Netherlands	Spain
Bulgaria	Greece	New Zealand	Switzerland
Canada	Ireland	Norway	UAE
Cyprus	Israel	Poland	Uganda
Denmark	Italy	Qatar	USA
Egypt	Japan	Singapore	

Total cost of all flights*

£107,815.42

List of Airlines used

All Nippon Airways	Austrian Airlines	Jetstar Airways	SkyExpress
Aer Lingus	British Airways	KLM	Swissair
Air Baltic	Brussels Airlines	Lufthansa	United Airlines
Air Canada	EasyJet	Qantas	Virgin
Air France	Emirates	Qatar Airways	Vueling Airlines
Air Transat	Eurowings	Ryanair	West Jet
America Airlines	Iberia Airlines	Scandinavian Airlines	Wizz Air

Number of flights in business and first class

Business Class** = 3
 First Class = 0

Notes

* 4 of the trips are based on estimates.

** 2 officials travelled business class because they travelled as part of a ministerial delegation. The other travelling officer was permitted to travel business class due to the extensive travel time and medical reasons.