

08 March 2023

Dear

ATISN 17163 – Trade Mission to UAE (Jan-Feb 2023)

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 February 2023. You asked for the following information in relation to the trade mission to the UAE which took place between 30 January and 2 February 2023:

1. What is the total cost of the trade mission.
2. Which members of Government attended the event.
3. What was the programme of events over the 5 days of the trade mission.

Please note that there is a second part to your request which includes a request for access to personal data and, as such, is being considered as a separate request. A response to this has been issued under the reference **ATISN 17164**.

Some of the information is exempt from disclosure. Where information has not been disclosed, the reasons are provided at **Annex A**. The information you have requested is below:

1. The total cost of the multi-sector trade mission to the UAE was £16,104.37.
2. This information is exempt from disclosure. However, I can confirm that two Welsh Government officials travelled to Dubai to accompany the trade mission. They were also supporting a delegation of Welsh companies who were exhibiting at Arab Health, which was taking place in Dubai between 30 January and 2 February.
3. The programme for the trade mission is provided at **Annex B**.

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

Annex A

Reasons for Exempting Information

The information requested in point 2 is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 (2) - Personal information about others.

Multi-Sector Trade Mission to Dubai – Programme

Date	Event
Saturday 28 January 2023	<p>12:40 hours - Depart Heathrow on BA107.</p> <p>23:45 hours - Arrive in Dubai.</p>
Sunday 29 January 2023	Meet in Arrivals after clearing Customs. Bus transfer to the hotel.
Monday 30 January 2023	09:00 – 18:00 hours – Opportunity for companies to have their own meetings.
Tuesday 31 January 2023	09:00 – 18:00 hours – Opportunity for companies to have their own meetings.
Wednesday 1 February 2023	<p>09:00 – 18:00 hours – Opportunity for companies to have their own meetings.</p> <p>18:30 – 20:30 hours - Welsh Government’s informal Business Networking Reception at Crown & Creek Club, British Embassy, Al Seef Road, Bur Dubai.</p>
Thursday 2 February 2023	09:00 – 18:00 hours – Opportunity for companies to have their own meetings.
Friday 3 February 2023	<p>10:00 hours – Depart Dubai on BA104.</p> <p>14:00 hours – Arrive in Heathrow.</p>

*All times are local