

19 April 2023

Dear

ATISN 17305

Thank you for your request, which I received on 20 March 2023. You have asked:

- 1) How much has the Constitutional Commission spent attending party political conferences, plus the dates, venues, events and the political parties in question?
- 2) How much has the Constitutional Commission paid to partner or third-party organisations to participate in events they have held at party political conferences, plus the dates, venues, events and the political parties in question?

Our response

The Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales are attending all four of Wales's major political party spring conferences. The Commission is attending these along with Cardiff University, and the cost to the Commission is £5999.95 +VAT, paid to Cardiff University who are making the arrangements, etc.

To date, a further £627.40 in fees and reimbursement for travel and parking costs has been paid to Commissioners attending the events.

The four events are:

- 4 March 2023: 'The constitutional future of Wales', Crochan Room, Ffwrnes, Park Street, Llanelli, SA15 3YE. Plaid Cymru Spring Conference.
- 11 March 2023: 'The constitutional future of Wales', Crafnant Room, Venue Cymru, The Promenade, Penrhyn Cres, Llandudno LL30 1BB. Welsh Labour Spring Conference.
- 25 March 2023: 'The constitutional future of Wales', UWTSO IQ Campus, Waterfront, IQ Campus, University of Wales Trinity, Swansea SA1 8EW. Welsh Liberal Democrats Spring Conference.
- 29 April 2023: 'The constitutional future of Wales', Room 1, Newport ICC, The Coldra, Catsash Road, Caerleon, Newport NP18 1HQ. Welsh Conservatives Spring Conference.

Next steps

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Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
or email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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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,