

Dear

ATISN 17394

Thank you for your request, which I received on 13 April 2023. You have asked:

- 1) What proportion of the Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales are under 30?
- 2) Please provide a breakdown of funding to all groups and information on how they gathered their information.
- 3) How much has the Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales cost to date?
- 4) How much are commissioners paid for their work?
- 5) Of those who have given evidence, what BAME-led groups have given evidence to the Commission?
- 6) Of those BAME-led organisations who have given evidence, what proportion receive funding from the Welsh government?
- 7) Of organisations who have given evidence, what % are "White" led, and what proportion are "BAME" led?
- 8) Of people who have given evidence, such as Anthony Slaughter, what % are white, and what % are BAME?
- 9) Please provide a copy of the evidence given by BLMCymru, Race Council Cymru, Wales Race Forum, and EYST.

Our response

- 1) *What proportion of the Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales are under 30?*

I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds recorded information of this description. However, it is exempt from release under s21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) - information accessible to the applicant by other means. As explained in my acknowledgement letter to you (17 April 2023), the membership of the Commission is unchanged since it was established, therefore I refer you to the answer you received in response to ATISN 16479, issued 12 August 2022.

- 2) *Please provide a breakdown of funding to all groups and information on how they gathered their information.*

In my acknowledgment letter (17 April 2023) I asked whether this question referred to the groups funded under the Commission's Community Engagement Fund or, if not, whether you would clarify which groups you meant. I have not received your reply.

- 3) *How much has the Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales cost to date?*

The latest calculation of the cost of the Commission (up to the end of financial year 2022-23) is £971,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand).

- 4) *How much are commissioners paid for their work?*

This information is exempt under s21. As explained in my acknowledgement letter (17 April 2023), I refer you to the answer you received in response to ATISN 16479, issued 12 August 2022.

5) *Of those who have given evidence, what BAME-led groups have given evidence to the Commission?*

We do not hold information about the ethnicity of the leaders of organisations which have provided evidence to the Commission. The people and organisations who participated in the Commission's meetings before production of the Commission's Interim Report are listed in Appendix 5 of the report:

[45614 Interim report by The Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/45614-interim-report-by-the-independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales)

Those who have participated in the Commission's meetings since then are listed in the Commission's latest report to the Senedd, which is due to be published shortly. When this is available, a link will be added to the Commission's homepage:

[The Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/the-independent-commission-on-the-constitutional-future-of-wales)

6) *Of those BAME-led organisations who have given evidence, what proportion receive funding from the Welsh government?*

We do not hold information about the ethnicity of the leaders of organisations which have provided evidence to the Commission. The organisations which received grants from the Commission's Community Engagement Fund received up to £5,000.

7) *Of organisations who have given evidence, what % are "White" led, and what proportion are "BAME" led?*

We do not hold information about the ethnicity of the leaders of organisations which have provided evidence to the Commission.

8) *Of people who have given evidence, such as Anthony Slaughter, what % are white, and what % are BAME?*

We do not hold information about the ethnicity of all the people who have provided evidence to the Commission. However, we do have anonymised data about those who responded to the Commission's call for evidence 'Dweud eich dweud' / 'Have your say'. Just over 2,000 respondents answered questions about their ethnicity. The following percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage to protect the anonymity of respondents.

Asian / Asian Welsh/ Asian British = 1%

Black / Black Welsh/ Black British / Caribbean / African = 1%

Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups = 3%

Other ethnic group = 1%

White = 94%

9) *Please provide a copy of the evidence given by BLM Cymru, Race Council Cymru, Wales Race Forum, and EYST.*

I enclose a note of the Commission's meeting with Wales Race Forum (20 October 2022) and a note of a roundtable session with youth organisations (24 May 2022), which included representatives of Black Lives Matter Cymru, and Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales. Also attached is the report produced by Race Council Cymru, following work supported by a grant from the Commission's Community Engagement Fund.

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

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,