



Our ref: ATISN 18705
Date: 27 July 2023

Dear _____,

Request for Information – ATISN 18705

Thank you for your request, which I received on 10 July. You asked for the following:

- *A breakdown of the total number of Welsh Government ministerial trips (month by month) made to the Monmouth constituency from 2017 to July 2023.*
- *What was the nature of the ministerial trips made to the Monmouth constituency.*
- *Which ministers made the trips to the Monmouth constituency.*

Details of Ministerial engagements are routinely published here - <https://www.gov.wales/ministerial-meetings-and-engagements> which may provide some of the information you are requesting.

However, section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows a public authority to refuse a request if it calculates that dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

For the purposes of calculating the appropriate limit, as the information you have requested is not tabulated and is potentially held in each individual entry of the diary, to access would require staff to manually open each individual entry. I have therefore assessed that the combined total time to locate the information requested would be over 2450 hours. This is based on checking 350 days, with an average of 5 entries per day, for 14 ministers over 6 years. Accessing the data for an individual minister for one year would take over 29 hours.

In conclusion, I have determined that to provide the information requested in relation to this request would cost more than the appropriate limit, which is £600 for central

government, so I am refusing your request on this basis. However, should you be able to refine your request to be more specific I may be able to further assist.

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.of.information@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