

25 July 2023

Dear

ATISN 18637

Thank you for your requests which I received on 22 and 27 June 2023. You asked for the following information:

- *A breakdown of how many times since the start of 2023 each Minister has used a Ministerial car, including a breakdown of the length of each journey.*
- *Were there any accommodation costs for the drivers?*
- *Were there any EV vehicles used?*

I have reached the conclusion that it will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

You have requested journey information over a period which will involve retrieving information from approximately 900 vehicle log sheets. At an estimate of taking 2 minutes to investigate each document, to see if it contains any relevant information, and to then extract it would take 30 hrs for this exercise alone. Additional time would also need to be added to undertake locating and extracting the information you have requested on accommodation costs. Because this exceeds the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, I have decided not to process your request. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or periods of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.

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