

23 October 2023

Dear

**Request for Information – ATISN 19072**

Thank you for your request, which I received on 19 September. You asked for the following information:

*How many complaints have been received about the First Minister and Lee Waters MS, both internal to the assembly and incoming to the assembly and a breakdown of complaint type.*

The information at Annex 1 relates to the First Minister and Deputy Minister for Climate Change.

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](mailto: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](http://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 1

Ministerial Code Complaints received regarding current First Minister and Deputy Minister for Climate Change

	<b>Complaint</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1	First Minister and the Minister for Health and Social Services - that they have not complied with the law; protected the integrity of public life; and observed the Seven Principles of Public Life in relation to the application of the Equality and Human Rights Act by Health and Care Research Wales and HEFCW. Not Upheld	22 July 2019	N – FM responded no breach of Code as not a Ministerial issue (policy application only).
2	First Minister - Making announcements to the Senedd before the Media	01 February 2021	Not Upheld
3	First Minister - using his Ministerial zoom account to join zoom meeting as MS.	10- November 20	Not Upheld
4	First Minister - Whether a Ministerial Car was used for his visit to Skewen (as FM)		Not Upheld
5	<b>Sixth Senedd</b>		
6	First Minister - not wearing face mask at Party Political event	02 July 2021	Not Upheld
7	DMCC - Complaint about twitter use	29 April 2022	Not Upheld
8	First Minister - Complaint about conduct of First Minister during First Minister's Questions on Tuesday 18 October 2022	20 October 2022	Not Upheld
9	First Minister - Complaint about conduct of First Minister during First Minister's Questions on Tuesday 18 October 2022	11 January 2023	Not Upheld
10	First Minister - Complaint against First Minister for comments during plenary session on 9 May 2023.	31 May 2023	Not Upheld
11	First Minister - Complaint against First Minister for declining meeting request	01 June 2023	Not Upheld
12	Complaint against all Welsh Government Ministers as they did not comply with international law and treaty obligations.	24 May 2023	Not Upheld
13	Complaint that Ministers have breached Code as they brought in a policy which, the complainant believes, is based on flawed evidence regarding air pollution levels.	10 August 2023	Not Upheld