Dear

ATISN 20176 - minutes of the meeting Welsh Government had with the WLGA regarding the arrangements of the teachers pay award for 2022-23

Thank you for your request which I received on 7 February. You asked for: The minutes of the meeting Welsh Government had with the WLGA regarding the arrangements of the teachers pay award for 2022-23

Your request does not provide a sufficiently clear description of the information for me to identify and locate the information you are seeking. The Welsh Government discusses relevant issues with WLGA colleagues frequently whether face to face, by phone, email, etc.

In particular, it would be useful to know more details of the meeting to which you refer, such as

- when the meeting took place (e.g. relating to initial award in 2022 or additional elements agreed in 2023);
- purpose of the meeting (e.g. arrangements for funding of the award and/or level of the award);
- whether the meeting was specifically on teachers' pay award 2022/23 or an agenda item within a wider meeting;
- whether meeting was between Welsh Government and WLGA only.

I will be unable to process your request any further without this clarification.

However, you may wish to note that final arrangements of the teachers' pay award 2022/23 were not agreed at a specific meeting with the WLGA but following discussions in various meetings and via other correspondence with representatives of all key stakeholders. Discussions took place with all key stakeholders, including the 6 teacher unions and various representatives of Employers (though employers were mostly represented by WLGA during processes/ discussions).

The statutory processes required to amend the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (Wales) Document were followed as outlined in a Written Statement from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language – see: <u>Written Statement: Teachers' Pay Award 2022/23</u> (19 April 2023) | GOV.WALES. Arrangements for payment of Welsh Government funding towards the additional cost of the pay award was agreed in line with statutory requirements and via correspondence directly with local authorities.

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

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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