

17 October 2025

Dear

**ATISN 25182**

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 September. You asked for the following information:

- 1. Details of the Welsh Government's policy on serving halal meat on catering within its premises and at events it holds.*
- 2. How much has the Welsh Government spent promoting halal meat in each of the past five years? (This could include advertisements relating to halal meat, sponsorship of events promoting halal meat etc).*
- 3. How much has the Welsh Government spent on halal meat items at events it has catered in each of the past five years?*

**Our response**

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.

An initial search on our finance system has identified 1,886 transactions, each would need analysis under this enquiry to see if any of it falls under events promotion.

To extract the level of detail needed would mean going back to original invoices for each and every transaction (which may or may not hold the relevant information as suppliers may not have itemised invoicing to that level). Based on an estimate of it taking 5-6 minutes to call each invoice up (and some might also be hard copy to find) that would be between 157 and 188 hours to review all the transactions and determine whether it was an event, whether it was catered and whether halal meat promotion was entailed.

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 period of time (or particular suppliers) 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](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

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