

28 October 2025

Dear

**ATISN 26272**

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 October 2025.

**ATISN 25182**

In our disclosure response to you under our reference ATISN 25182, all questions received related to Halal meat and given they were on the same theme (and therefore combined), it was confirmed that to respond would cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In our response, we also referred to the number of financial transactions on part 2 and 3 of your request (1886 in total) that would need to be reviewed to locate, extract and retrieve Welsh Government spend in each of the past 5 years on:

- the promotion of Halal meat; and
- Halal meat items at events it has catered.

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In your latest request you have again asked that part of your original set of questions be responded to i.e. details of the Welsh Government's policy on serving Halal meat on catering within its premises and at events it holds.

I can confirm there is no overarching Welsh Government policy.

I can however confirm that the specification for the Welsh Government's Catering Services Contract includes the following statement "a wide range of non-meat choices and catering for cultural and dietary needs should also be provided". The only connected references in the specification are, 'catering for cultural needs' and 'Suitability for cultural, ethnic and religious diets' – 'Halal' is not mentioned specifically.

With regard to Welsh Government's Communications and Marketing framework, I can confirm that anyone organising events should be aware and ask attendees for any dietary requirements whether these are internal or external attendees – but there are no specific requirements set out therein.

In your latest request and in relation to the 1,886 transactions we referred to in our earlier disclosure, you asked for details of all those in which the term 'Halal' features at any point on the system.

The report run (containing the 1,886 transactions) searched for the term 'Halal' - it does not feature at all in the system reporting extracted at the transaction level.

To establish if any information is held at a lower level would require a manual exercise of supporting invoices or contracts. Even if the exercise to review the associated documentation to each of the 1886 transactions took only 1 minute, the limit to locate, extract and retrieve anything held would again be exceeded.

As previously advised, you may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope to a specific period or information on a particular supplier. Please note, for reasons previously outlined, to locate, extract and retrieve very specific financial information related to terms or phrases from across the organisation (over 1 or more years) may require similar detailed exercises to be carried out. If you do refine your questions, they will be treated as a new request for information.

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.

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Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

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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