

26 March 2026

Dear

## **ATISN 26734**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 February. You asked for the following information, regarding vehicles currently operated by the Welsh Government.

*For each vehicle, the following details:*

*Make and model*

*Colour*

*First registration date with the DVLA*

*MOT issue or expiry date*

*Vehicle registration mark (VRM)*

## **Our response**

The information requested can be found in Annex 1 to this letter and in the accompanying PDF document. Please note, whilst these vehicles are registered to the Welsh Government, information in the accompanying PDF document are operated by the South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA).

In respect of the Official Car Fleet, you will find the MOT information you have requested. We have decided to withhold the remaining information under sections 24 & 38 of the Freedom of Information Act:

Section 24(1) provides that information is exempt from disclosure where it “is required for the purposes of safeguarding national security.” Section 24(1) provides that information is exempt if disclosure would be harmful e.g. if its release would undermine national security. In order to satisfy the public interest test in relation to the section 24 exemption, it is necessary to conclude that the public interest arguments in favour of withholding the information are sufficient to outweigh the public interest arguments in favour of release.

### **Public interest arguments in favour of disclosure**

- The general presumption of openness that the FOIA aspires to; and
- The Welsh Government acknowledges the general public interest in openness and transparency that release of this information would engender. Further, we recognise there is a public interest in supporting the public to better understand the mechanisms of Government.

### **Public interest arguments in favour of withholding**

- Any disclosure under FOI is released to the public at large.

- Any disclosure relating to the Official Car Service vehicle identifiers would undermine the function of the Security Team to adequately undertake their functions to assess and mitigate the threat and risk across the threat spectrum, including, counter terrorism, fixated and unwanted behaviour, targeted threats towards the Government Minister and officials and domestic threats that include protest and counter surveillance. Publishing vehicle identifiers has the potential to undermine the mitigation of these risks.

I have therefore concluded that the information should be withheld. On balance, the interests of safeguarding national security, outweigh the need for openness in terms of the specific information that you have requested.

### **Section 38 (Health and Safety) of the Freedom of Information Act**

This exemption states:

(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to:

- (a) endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or
- (b) endanger the safety of any individual.

The Commissioner's Guidance on s38 states (inter alia):

Section 38 provides an exemption from disclosing information if it would endanger any individual (including the applicant, the supplier of the information or anyone else). The exemption does not necessarily deal with what are usually thought of as health and safety matters, such as establishing the cause of an accident.

### **Public Interest Test**

In order to satisfy the public interest test in relation to the exemption(s), it is necessary to conclude that the public interest arguments in favour of withholding the information are sufficient to outweigh the public interest arguments in favour of release.

### **Public interest arguments in favour of disclosure**

- The general presumption of openness that the FOIA aspires to; and
- The Welsh Government acknowledges the general public interest in openness and transparency that release of this information would engender. Further, we recognise there is a public interest in supporting the public to better understand the mechanisms of Government.

### **Public interest arguments in favour of withholding**

- The Welsh Government recognises the general public interest in avoiding prejudice and harm to individuals, which could arise if this information was released.
- There is a public interest to protect drivers, staff, security staff and Ministers from harm. These individuals are at risk across the threat spectrum, including, counter terrorism, fixated and unwanted behaviour, targeted threats towards the principals and domestic threats that include protest and counter surveillance. Publishing vehicle identifiers has the potential to undermine the mitigation of these risks.

- Withholding the information would avoid potential escalation of such risks.

### **Balance of public interest test**

The Welsh Government can see no public interest in allowing prejudice to occur and putting people at risk and so believes the public interest favours withholding under the above stated exemption.

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

## Annex 1

### Cadw information

Make & model	Vehicle registration mark (VRM)	Colour	First registration date with the DVLA	MOT issue or expiry date	Date of last V5C (logbook) issued
Ford E-Transit		White	Aug-23	No details on DVLA	14-Aug-23
Ford E-Transit		White	Oct-23	No details on DVLA	24-Oct-23
Ford E-Transit		White	Aug-23	No details on DVLA	14-Aug-23
Ford E-Transit		White	Aug-23	No details on DVLA	14-Aug-23
Ford E-Transit		White	Aug-23	No details on DVLA	14-Aug-23
Ford E-Transit		White	Aug-23	No details on DVLA	14-Aug-23
MG4 - 150kw SE EV		White	Mar-24	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
MG4 - 150kw SE EV		White	Mar-24	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
MG4 - 150kw SE EV		White	Mar-24	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
MG4 - 150kw SE EV		White	Mar-24	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
MG4 - 150kw SE EV		White	Mar-24	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
MG4 - 150kw SE EV		White	Mar-24	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
Vauxhall Vivaro E Pro		White	Aug-23	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
Toyota Proace Electric		White	Oct-23	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
Toyota Proace Electric		White	Oct-23	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
Toyota Proace Electric		White	Oct-23	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
Toyota Proace Electric		White	Oct-23	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25
Toyota Proace Electric		White	Oct-23	No details on DVLA	04-Jun-25

### Official Car Service vehicles

Vehicle	1	MOT Due date	18/02/2027
Vehicle	2	MOT Due date	18/02/2027
Vehicle	3	MOT Due date	18/02/2027
Vehicle	4	MOT Due date	18/02/2027
Vehicle	5	MOT Due date	30/03/2026
Vehicle	6	MOT Due date	30/03/2026
Vehicle	7	MOT Due date	26/06/2026
Vehicle	8	MOT Due date	23/01/2027
Vehicle	9	MOT Due date	09/02/2027
Vehicle	10	MOT Due date	10/02/2027
Vehicle	11	MOT Due date	27/03/2026
Vehicle	12	MOT Due date	17/07/2026
Vehicle	13	MOT Due date	17/07/2026
Vehicle	14	MOT Due date	29/10/2028
Vehicle	15	MOT Due date	29/10/2028