

Date: 2 July 2026

Dear

ATISN 27114

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 June. You asked for the information as outlined at Annex 1.

Our response

We do not hold any information which matches your request. In case helpful, the recent announcement in relation to columns in The National (link below) relates to Plaid Cymru rather than the Welsh Government.

[Plaid Cymru join The National as regular columnists | The National](#)

Next steps

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

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

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

For time period 1 May 2026 to 20 June 2026, the following:

This request relates to the official coordination, civil service advice, or clearance of media articles written by Welsh Government Ministers for the commercial newspaper The National (Newsquest Media Group).

All correspondence, emails, meeting minutes, and briefing notes held by the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretariat, Special Advisers (SpAds), the First Minister's Office, or the Office of the Minister for Government Effectiveness and the Constitution, containing any of the following terms:

"The National"

"Laura Webster"

"Newsquest"

"Dafydd Trystan Davies"

"Celtic alliance"

"constitutional journey"

Any records of formal advice sought from, or issued by, the Cabinet Secretariat regarding whether ministerial contributions to this specific publication comply with the rules set out in the Ministerial Code regarding the use of official resources for non-governmental media activity.