FOI REQUESTS – ATISN -27423

Freedom of information request: records of engagement with Professor Jason Arday

From:

To: Freedom of Information Officer

Sent: Wed 26/08/2026 14:16

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. By way of context: the University of Cambridge's Faculty of Education announced on 23 February 2023 that Professor Jason Arday had "been called on by numerous organisations including the Government of the UK, and the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments, to help develop anti-racism strategies." The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body has confirmed to me that it holds no record of any work with Professor Arday, and I have a parallel request with the Senedd Commission. Because the Senedd and the Welsh Government are often conflated, I am also asking the Welsh Government. I request the following recorded information:

1. Any record, from 2016 to the present, of Professor Jason Arday giving evidence to, advising, being consulted by, being contracted or paid by, sitting on a group convened by, or attending meetings with the Welsh Government, including its sponsored bodies where the Welsh Government holds the record, concerning anti-racism strategy, race equality or related matters. Please include in the search the Race Equality Action Plan consultation of 2021, the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan of 2022 and its steering, accountability and external groups, and any work on anti-racism in education or higher education.

2. Any correspondence between the Welsh Government and Professor Arday, or anyone acting for him, from 2016 to the present.

If no such records are held, please confirm that no information is held.

In considering section 40 of the Act, please note that Professor Arday died on 14 August 2026. Personal data is defined by section 3(2) of the Data Protection Act 2018 as information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual, so the personal-data exemption is not engaged in respect of information relating to Professor Arday himself. Where any records contain the personal data of living third parties, I ask that you redact those details and disclose the remainder rather than withholding documents in full.

Please treat the numbered items as severable. If any item would exceed the applicable cost limit, please respond to the remainder and advise me under your section 16 duty how I might narrow the rest. If any information is exempt, please disclose the rest with

redactions rather than withholding it in full. I would prefer to receive the response by email.

Yours faithfully,

ATISN 27462

From:

To: Freedom of Information Officer

Sent: Friday 4th September 2026 17:43

Dear Freedom of Information team,

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

By way of context: the University of Cambridge's announcement of 23 February 2023 stated that Professor Jason Arday had been called on by "the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments" to help develop anti-racism strategies. On 4 September 2026 the Senedd Commission responded to a request in these terms (reference ATI 1488) confirming that it holds no recorded information and suggested under its section 16 duty that I direct a request to the Welsh Government.

I request the following recorded information.

1. Any record, from 2016 to the present, of Jason Arday giving evidence to, advising, being consulted by, being contracted by, or attending meetings with the Welsh Government, its ministers, its officials, or any advisory group, task and finish group, steering group, expert panel or external reference group convened by it, concerning anti-racism strategy, race equality or related matters, including the development, drafting, implementation or review of the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan.
2. Any record of any payment made by the Welsh Government in respect of his engagement, whether paid to him personally, to Crosstown Traffic Ltd, to Avenging Angels, or to any speaker agency, talent agency, bureau or other intermediary acting on his behalf. Please include the date, the amount, the payee and the purpose recorded.
3. Any correspondence between the Welsh Government and the University of Cambridge, the University of Glasgow or Durham University concerning

Professor Arday's engagement with the Welsh Government or with the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan

If no such records are held, please confirm that no information is held. A nil return would resolve the request.

Please note that Professor Arday died on 14 August 2026, so section 40(2) of the Act is not engaged in respect of his own personal data. Where records contain the personal data of living third parties, please redact those details and disclose the remainder.

Please treat the numbered items as severable. If any item would exceed the applicable cost limit, please respond to the remainder and advise me under your section 16 duty how I might narrow the rest. If any information is exempt, please disclose the rest with redactions rather than withholding it in full. I would prefer to receive the response by email.

Yours faithfully,