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11th October 2017

Dear Mr. Nature

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information dated 14th August 2017 and received on the same date. Your request asked:

On 20th April 2017 Swansea council issued around 150 traffic tickets within a two hour period. The issuing of these tickets has since been found to be invalid by the Traffic Penalty Tribunal.

It was stated in the Evening Post newspaper that Swansea Council had sent a complaint to the chief adjudicator.

It was also stated that Swansea Council had tried to appeal these tribunal rulings.

Please provide:

- 1. A copy of this email/letter to complaint sent by Swansea Council to the Chief Adjudicator.*
- 2. Have Swansea Council sought legal advice on the issue of these invalid notices?*
- 3. If yes to 2, please provide the cost to the Council of this advise.*
- 4. If yes to 2, please provide a copy of the legal advice received.*

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with the following response:

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Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond to this request.

1. This information is exempt under section 32(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it is held only by virtue of being contained in:

- (a) any document filed with, or otherwise placed in the custody of, a court for the purposes of proceedings in a particular cause or matter...

...(4)In this section—

- (a)“court” includes any tribunal or body exercising the judicial power of the State,

The requested email was created for and sent to the Chief Adjudicator who arbitrates in these matters before the Traffic Penalty Tribunal and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

As section 32 of the FOIA is an absolute exemption the public interest test does not apply.

2. No legal advice was sought or provided.
3. N/A
4. N/A

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If you are still unhappy with the handling of your request, you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at:

Information Commissioner's Office – Wales
2nd Floor, Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff CF10 2HH
Telephone: 029 2067 8400
E-mail: wales@ico.gsi.gov.uk

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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