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Dear Mr Lloyd,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2017 requesting information on meetings held by Ministers, Special Advisers and travel costs.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Due to the broad nature of the request and way in which information is held, we have concluded that to comply with the request as drafted would exceed the cost limit set out in the FOIA.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA means public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We believe that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Although we cannot comply with your request in its current form, we may be able to answer a refined request within the cost limit. You may wish to consider, for example, narrowing the scope of the request in terms of time or subject matter.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that a refined request will necessarily fall within the FOIA cost limit, or that other exemptions will not apply.

For guidance on how to structure an appropriate request please refer to the ICO website on the following link: http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/official_information.

You may ask for an internal review if you are unhappy with our response to your request. The internal review would be carried out by someone who did not deal with your request, who would re-assess how the Department handled it. Requests for an internal review should be received within two months of our response. If you wish to do this, please write to:

Freedom of Information Team
Wales Office
Gwydyr House
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London SW1A 2NP

Email: walesofficefoi@walesoffice.gsi.gov.uk

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 50 of the Act. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team