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Mrs A Barrow

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Dear Mrs Barrow,

Request for Information – ATISN 7001

I wrote to you on 4 March regarding your request for information. You asked for:

1. A list of all domain names managed, maintained, authorised or in any way paid for or operated by the Welsh Government on behalf of itself or any bodies or agencies for which it is responsible. This should include any domain name ending in .com, .org, .net, .co.uk, .org.uk, .gov.uk, .ac.uk, .police.uk, .sch.uk, .nhs.uk, me.uk, .ltd.uk, .plc.uk. etc.
2. All communications (written or otherwise) and information regarding the Nominet proposal quoted above. This request includes (but is not limited to) any correspondence between the Welsh Government and Nominet and any correspondence between the Welsh Government and other government bodies of any kind or any organisations in the charitable sector regarding Nominet.
3. Information about any assessment or study (by internal or external experts) undertaken regarding any impact (financial, SEO, technical or otherwise) of the Nominet proposals on any domain name listed under 1 or its associated website.
4. Information about any correspondence or discussion (internal or external), between the Welsh Government and any other individuals or bodies about the potential financial, legal or reputational risks to the Welsh Government or any of its subsidiaries arising from the Nominet Direct.UK proposals to create names that are similar.

I confirm that the Welsh Government holds information which relates to your request. I have concluded, however, that it would exceed the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government

is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of working time to determine whether we hold the information, locating the information, retrieving the information and extracting it.

In order to access the relevant information a search of the Welsh Government electronic filing system was undertaken using various search terms. The smallest return yielded 20,624 documents. The list must be worked through one message at a time to check whether any of the documents are captured by your request. Assuming a very optimistic 30 seconds average per message this task would take more than 7 working days. Consequently, I have decided not to process your request. Any reformulated request the Welsh Government receives from you will be treated as a new request.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log.

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Jeff Collins
Director, Delivery, BETS
Welsh Government, QED Centre, Treforest, CF37 5YR

When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles set out in the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on Complaints which is available on the Internet at www.wales.gov.uk or by post.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Ffordd yr Hen Gae, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5LJ

Yours sincerely

Peter Jones
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