

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** 7 February 2024

**Public Authority:** The Welsh Parliament  
**Address:** Cardiff Bay  
Cardiff  
CF99 1SN

#### **Decision (including any steps ordered)**

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1. The complainant requested information from the Senedd Commission as the corporate body for the Welsh Parliament (the public authority).
2. The Commissioner's decision is that the public authority breached section 10(1) of FOIA by failing to provide a valid response to the request within the statutory time frame of 20 working days. No steps are required.

#### **Request and response**

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3. On 28 November 2023, the complainant made the following request for information:

"With reference to the inboxes and data you've disclosed on the 2nd November 2023 in response to my previous FOI request (FoI 1239), please can you disclose (redacting and/or applying exemptions where needed) the contents of the following emails from the first and last inboxes listed on each of the 28 pages (so 56 inboxes in total), with each number corresponding to an email/item in that inbox (assuming 1 is the oldest email in the inbox and higher numbers are more recent). If the number of emails in any inbox listed has since decreased such that the email numbers I've cited below are higher than the maximum number held within that inbox at this time, please retrieve the most recent email in that inbox.

1. 94 (inbox with 421 emails)
2. 3553 (inbox with 126879 emails)

3. 173 (inbox with 1056 emails)
4. 717 (inbox with 1133 emails)
5. 892 (inbox with 1062 emails)
6. 904 (inbox with 99319 emails)
7. 688 (inbox with 10593 emails)
8. 9139 (inbox with 37170 emails)
9. 74 (inbox with 410 emails)
10. 108 (inbox with 416 emails)
11. 362 (inbox with 3219 emails)
12. 3136 (inbox with 103573 emails)
13. 6041 (inbox with 12174 emails)
14. 6588 (inbox with 8135 emails)
15. 856 (inbox with 2114 emails)
16. 1445 (inbox with 8778 emails)
17. 4602 (inbox with 83394 emails)
18. 3598 (inbox with 40752 emails)
19. 274 (inbox with 23508 emails)
20. 1484 (inbox with 4736 emails)
21. 218 (inbox with 685 emails)
22. 7823 (inbox with 117566 emails)
23. 75 (inbox with 419 emails)
24. 6786 (inbox with 117380 emails)
25. 287 (inbox with 12061 emails)
26. 548 (inbox with 80290 emails)
27. 4262 (inbox with 33106 emails)
28. 6954 (inbox with 37755 emails)
29. 6068 (inbox with 125829 emails)
30. 6006 (inbox with 8961 emails)
31. 6253 (inbox with 139381 emails)
32. 1502 (inbox with 4426 emails)
33. 802 (inbox with 5161 emails)
34. 11 (inbox with 10089 emails)
35. 8913 (inbox with 116926 emails)
36. 393 (inbox with 1756 emails)
37. 8893 (inbox with 69432 emails)
38. 781 (inbox with 5051 emails)
39. 2060 (inbox with 10976 emails)
40. 2508 (inbox with 183433 emails)
41. 1 (inbox with 3 emails)
42. 1202 (inbox with 14894 emails)
43. 4788 (inbox with 118277 emails)
44. 146 (inbox with 185 emails)
45. 992 (inbox with 3158 emails)
46. 86 (inbox with 702 emails)
47. 748 (inbox with 4752 emails)
48. 22 (inbox with 45 emails)

- 49. 6 (inbox with 33 emails)
- 50. 1524 (inbox with 82204 emails)
- 51. 11 (inbox with 101114 emails)
- 52. 8 (inbox with 31 emails)
- 53. 3937 (inbox with 73243 emails)
- 54. 889 (inbox with 4582 emails)
- 55. 7811 (inbox with 58214 emails)
- 56. 2060 (inbox with 18975 emails)”

- 4. The public authority responded to the request for information on 2 February 2024.

### **Reasons for decision**

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- 5. Section 1(1) of FOIA states that:

“Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled –

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.”

- 6. Section 10(1) of FOIA states that a public authority must respond to a request promptly and “not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt”.
- 7. From the evidence provided to the Commissioner in this case, it is clear that the public authority did not deal with the request for information in accordance with FOIA. The Commissioner finds that the public authority has breached section 10(1) by failing to respond to the request within 20 working days.

## Right of appeal

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8. Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

9. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
10. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Signed .....**

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