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**Reference no.: 15-006**

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION** – *Information relating to the authenticity of collections.*

Thank you for your request for information. As Museum Secretary for Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales ('the Museum'), I am responsible for responding to your request for information.

I refer to your emails of 18 and 22 April 2015, in which you asked for the following information:

*Please email me any relevant internal documents, including staff emails, which contain information on the following:*

- artefacts and exhibit items which have (in the last two years) been part of your collections and which have had their authenticity questioned, i.e. they are suspected of being fakes/forgeries/counterfeit*
- artefacts and exhibit items which have (in the last two years) been part your collections and have been confirmed as being inauthentic, i.e. they are confirmed as being fakes/forgeries/counterfeit*
- the display history of these artefacts and exhibit items, i.e. when they were on display to the public*
- information on internal decisions made regarding these issues*

*I would like full copies of relevant documents for the past two available (most recent) years. Confirmed as 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2014.*

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## Response

I have reviewed the Museum's information holdings and I have not found any information relating to your request, therefore, I am unable to provide you with the information you require. That being the case, I would inform you, in accordance with Section 1.1(a) of the Freedom of information Act 2000, the information you seek is not held by Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales. To the extent Amgueddfa Cymru is unable to provide information that fully responds to your request, I must therefore provide you with a Refusal Notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Act, the information you have requested is not held.

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information (third edition). The Code is published on the Internet at [www.information.wales.gov.uk](http://www.information.wales.gov.uk).

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Director Finance and Corporate Resources at the following address:

Mr. Neil Wicks  
Director of Finance and Corporate Resources  
Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales  
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When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles of the National Museum of Wales's Code of Practice on Complaints, which is available on our website at [www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/45/](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/45/).

Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Museum.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

I apologise that Amgueddfa Cymru cannot assist you with all aspects of your request but if you have any further queries or concerns then please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Cabuts  
Museum Secretary

