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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – *Information relating to the minutes of the Board of Trustees of Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales that reference Turner House Gallery*

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

I refer to your email of 05 July 2018, in which you asked for the following information:

We notice that the National Museum of Wales has failed to publish any minutes of its board meetings for more than a year - the most recent minutes on line date back to the beginning of 2017.

We would like to have copies of the most up to date available minutes and any statements made relating to the Turner House Gallery in Penarth.

In your further email of 10 July 2018 you clarified the date range as follows:

The minutes I wish to see are those of all board meetings which took place from February 2017 to July 10th 2018.

Response

The minutes of all the Board of Trustees meetings are now available on our website: https://museum.wales/accountability/trustees_minutes/ Please accept our apologies for the delay in making them publicly available in this way.

The minutes that include statements relating to Turner House Gallery in Penarth are:

28 September 2017, 14 December 2017 and 15 March 2018. On all three occasions it is noted that the matter was discussed in the Closed Session where confidential matters are considered.

Your request for information has now been considered and I must inform you that the Museum is not obliged to supply the information you have requested due to the information being exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, and the Data Protection Act 2018.

The exemptions that we have applied to the information are as follows:

FOI Act 2000 Exemptions <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/part/II>

Section 36(2) FOIA - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs.

(2) Information to which this section applies is exempt information if, in the reasonable opinion of a qualified person, disclosure of the information under this Act—

(b) Would, or would be likely to, inhibit—

(ii) The free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation,

Section 43(2) FOIA – Commercial Interests

(2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information:

http://www.assembly.wales/en/abthome/about_us-commission_assembly_administration/abt-foi/Pages/abt-foi-cop-pub.aspx

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:

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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
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If you have any further queries or concerns then please contact me via my email address.

Yours sincerely

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