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Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



19 September 2019

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 23 August in which you asked:

Dear Welsh Assembly

I would like to confirm whether Mr Christopher Harries has ever been under the employ of Mr Neil Hamilton AM please?

Kind regards,

Please see the response below.

We neither confirm nor deny that we hold information falling within the description specified in your request. The duty in section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of section 40(5B)(a)(i) of that Act. This should not be taken as an indication that the information you requested is or is not held by us.

In accordance with section 40(5B)(a)(i), to give you confirmation or denial that we hold the information requested would, in our view, contravene the first data protection principle as set out in Article 5 of the GDPR.

The first data protection principle states that:

“Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject (‘lawfulness, fairness and transparency’)”.

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg/We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh

The exemption from the duty to confirm or deny is absolute in cases where to do so would contravene one of the data protection principles. Therefore, we are not required to carry out a public interest test in these circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Manager
National Assembly for Wales**

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the [Code of Practice on Public Access to Information](#). If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you are dissatisfied with the Assembly's handling of your request, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Manager at:

Information-request@assembly.wales or in writing to

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

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