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You requested the following information:-

**I would like to request any information held by the Wales Office as to why the Welsh Assembly in respect of the executive/Ministerial functions was created as a single legal entity rather than as separate functional departments (such as the departments of the Northern Ireland Executive). This request relates to information dated between 1 January 1997 and 1 July 1999.**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**When the National Assembly for Wales was established in 1999 all documents held by the Welsh Office at that point were transferred to the Assembly. The Wales Office therefore holds no records relevant to your request and you may wish to write to the Welsh Government on this matter.**