

**We were asked:**

- Q1. How many times have Ministers or staff from the Wales Office on those Ministers behalf, applied to Google or other search engines to have links removed from searches under the “right to be forgotten” following the EU ruling this year?
- Q2. Please detail the web pages run by your department which have been served a notice by Google that they will not be appearing in certain search results as a result of the right to be forgotten.
- Q3. How many person-hours have been spent by your staff dealing with the ‘right to be forgotten’ (e.g. writing to or liaising with Google about removal requests)?

**We replied:**

- A1. Wales Office Ministers and staff have not submitted any removal requests to Google or other search engines. The Department has never been served with a notice by Google that our web pages will not be appearing in certain results as a result of the right to be forgotten.