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You requested the following information:

- 1. Have there been investigations relating to expense fraud in your department in the last 24 months?**
- 2. If so, how many?**
- 3. How many of these investigations have found a member of staff at your department to be in breach of your rules relating to expenses?**
- 4. Has anyone who has been found to be in breach of expense rules dismissed? If so, how many?**
- 5. Has anyone who has been found to be in breach of expense rules prosecuted? If so, how many?**
- 6. Do you have a clear set of rules in regards to expenses in place at your department?**

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

There have been no investigations of fraud or dismissals/prosecutions of any staff found in breach of expense rules in the Wales Office in the last 24 months. The Wales Office has a Travel and Subsistence Policy which provides clear guidance for all staff on booking travel and making expenses claims. The Department also has a Fraud and Whistleblowing policy and the process is reviewed annually by Internal and External Auditors