



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15558
Date: 15 October 2021

Dear

ATISN 15558 - Contract Conditions

Thank you for your request which I received on 30th September 2021. You asked for:

The number of Welsh Government contracts – and who they are signed with – that has the following or similar conditions therein.

“No part of the grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.”

You confirmed on 30 September 2021 that you are seeking information on contracts for grant funding rather than procurement.

Welsh Government’s standard grant award terms and conditions do include similar wording covering ‘party political’ purposes. The wording, *“You must not use any part of the Funding for any kind of activity which in our opinion could bring us into disrepute, including but not limited to (1) party political purposes, (2) the promotion of particular secular, religious or political views...”* is present in grant award letters issued by the Welsh Government.

As we issue over 12,000 grant award letters each year, I estimate that it will take longer than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer the first part of your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

The Welsh Government’s Grants system does not allow us to interrogate and extract the specific information you have requested and as such, officials would need to review individual records to respond.

I estimate it would take approximately 5 minutes to extract and review each record to determine whether any information therein was captured by your request – the limit is therefore exceeded (12,000 x 5 minutes /60 = 1,000 hours).

Should you wish to reformulate your request to focus on a specific time period or type of grant, your question can be reconsidered. Any new question received would be treated as a new request for information. Please note, given the number of grants awarded each year, the appropriate limit may again be exceeded where a similar exercise as described above would have to be carried out - other exemptions may also apply based on the type of information within scope of a narrowed request.

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

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely