



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 15698

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government
15 December 2021

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 15698

I wrote to you on 23 November regarding your request for information.

Information Requested

The questions you asked are appended at the end of this letter.

Our Response

I confirm the Welsh Government holds some information caught by your request. The information we hold is enclosed at the end of this letter.

Next Steps

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



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding .

Information Requested

Defining a “road bridge” as a structure with a span of 1.5m or more providing public highway passage for motor vehicles over an obstacle such as a watercourse, railway, road or valley, you have asked for the following information for all road bridges for which the Welsh Government owns as highway authority, including those which are jointly owned with another authority, but for which the Welsh Government is the lead authority:

1. How many road bridges is the WG responsible for maintaining.
2. For the last financial year (2020/21) how many Principal Inspections have taken place as a % of those requiring an inspection.
3. For the last financial year (2020/21) how many General Inspections have taken place as a % of those requiring an inspection.
4. For the last financial year (2020/21) how many Structural Reviews and/or BD21 assessments have been conducted as a % of those requiring an inspection.
5. How many sub-standard (in terms of capacity) and/or weight restricted bridges does the WG have.
6. Of these, how many does the WG intend to return to full load carrying capacity in the next 5 years.
7. How many bridges would the WG return to full load carrying capacity if the WG had no resource restrictions.
8. (i) How many bridges require post tensioned special inspections (PTSIs).
(ii) How many of those have had PTSIs within the last 18 years.
(iii) Of those that have not had a PTISI, how many require/are due one.
(iv) How much funding would the WG anticipate is required to remove the backlog of PTSIs for those bridges identified in Q8(iii).
9. In monetary terms, what is the current Depreciation (i.e. difference between the WG’s GRC and DRC as declared for the WGA return for 2020/21).
10. What is the calculated value of the WG’s backlog of work for road bridges, or the WG’s best estimate if a calculated value is not available.
11. (i) What is the annual revenue works budget for maintaining the WG’s bridge stock. (excluding staff costs)
(ii) What is the annual capital works budget for maintaining the WG’s bridge stock.
(iii) What total budget would the WG estimate is required to maintain the bridge stock at its current level (standstill budget).
£50,000,000
12. (i) How many BD97 Stage 1 Scour Assessments did the WG undertake in 2020/21 as a % of those requiring an assessment.
(ii) How many BD97 Stage 2 Scour Assessments did the WG undertake in 2020/21 as a % of those requiring an assessment.
(i) How many bridges under the WG’s management completely collapsed in the last 12 months.
(ii) How many bridges under the WG’s management partially collapsed in the last 12 months.
(iii) Would the WG be happy to share the detail with members of the UK Bridges Board? Y/N

Information Held

QUESTION	2020/21
1)	1268
2)	98
3)	99
4)	N/A – No Structural Reviews or assessments were carried out on any structure that had a Maintenance Inspection
5)	104
6)	68
7)	104
8) (i)	82
8) (ii)	22
8) (iii)	40
8) (iv)	£2,500,000
9)	£1,303,384,653
10)	£1,048,769,228
11) (i)	£1,350,000
11) (ii)	£22,210,000
11) (iii)	£50,000,000
12) (i)	N/A – Stage 1 Scour Assessments had already been completed
12) (ii)	N/A – Stage 2 Scour Assessments had already been completed
13) (i)	0
13) (ii)	0
13) (iii)	N/A