

7 July 2022

Dear

ATISN 16390

Thank you for your requests which I received on 12 June 2022. I have provided the information requested against each of your questions, as follows:

1. How many Welsh government employees have been hired through agencies, the proportion of temporary contracts for these staff, and the total agency fees paid for hiring these staff? I'd like this request to cover the last 2 years.

No permanent Welsh Government Employees have been recruited through agencies, all permanent Welsh Government recruitment is conducted on a fair, open and merit basis. 115 Agency workers have placed into short term or specialist roles. The total agency fees paid during the period 1 June 2020 – 31 May 2022 inclusive is £13,361,452.70.

2. Please can you tell me how many staff are currently on temporary duties allowance/temporary promotion?

As of the 31/05/2022 there were 606 staff who were in receipt of an allowance for working to the next grade.

3. What proportion of the contracts offered to agency workers over the last 2 years are zero hours contracts?

None

4. How many agency workers are currently working in ministerial private offices and how many of those are on zero hours contracts?

Two agency workers are currently based in Cabinet Division (this is the part of the organisation where ministerial private offices are based) and neither are on zero hours contracts.

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Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government

Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
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Wilmslow
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely