

15 July 2022

Dear

ATISN 16418 - Welsh

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 June 2022. You enquired about *“the total expense of providing and translating road and street signs in Welsh.”*

Our response

In relation to your Freedom of Information request, unfortunately we do not hold this information.

Please note that we are only able to consider information in relation to the Welsh Government. We do not hold any information that relates to Welsh local authorities and / or other public bodies.

Street name signs are the responsibility of local authorities therefore Welsh Government do not hold information on costs relating to them.

All road and pedestrian signs created by the Welsh Government have been created bilingually for many years, in compliance with the Welsh Language Standards and before that, in line with the Government's Welsh Language Scheme. As a result of creating road signs bilingually from the outset, there is no duplication.

The Welsh Government is the highway authority for the motorway and trunk road network in Wales and is responsible for the provision and maintenance of traffic signs on these roads only. Unitary authorities are responsible for the other roads in Wales, referred to as the county road network.

For signs on the trunk road network, translation is generally provided by the sign designer and included in the overall cost of the sign. The designs are checked by the Welsh Government Translation Service as required. We do not hold a breakdown of costs for these activities.

For more common traffic signs, a suite of bilingual working drawings are provided free of charge on the Welsh Government website:

<https://gov.wales/traffic-signs-and-road-markings>

It is therefore not possible to calculate the cost of ensuring that the Welsh language is included on all such signs as they are created bilingually.

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.

With thanks,