

Our ref: ATISN 16532

24 August 2022

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## **ATISN 16532 - Budget cost benefit analysis**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 1 August 2022. You asked for:

The cost-benefit analysis data or any data used to inform the decisions taken in the most recent Welsh Government budget with regard to economic development measures?

### **Our response**

In making budget allocations, Welsh Ministers draw on a wide range of analysis, evidence and other information to inform this decision making process.

As part of the 22-23 Draft Budget, a suite of documents was published alongside to support and provide additional evidence in respect of spending decisions, including the Chief Economist's report to support financial planning beyond the budgetary period. The Chief Economist's Report provides an analysis of medium to long term fiscal projections which will help to inform scenarios for future resource spending in Wales.

These documents have all been published on our web site and can be found here:

[Welsh Government budgets | GOV.WALES](#)

The Strategic Integrated Impact Assessment (SIIA) is an integral document which is part of a suite of evidence that is published each year to provide a detailed account of how budget decisions impact on different groups. In addition to the SIIA (Annex D) which provided the contextual evidence that helped to inform strategic spending decisions, the Draft Budget included details of the impacts of specific spending decisions as part of the main narrative in chapters four and six. We also presented more detailed case studies on the impacts of specific spending decisions to better demonstrate how assessment is undertaken in more detail.

Alongside this, we published Ministers' written evidence papers to Senedd scrutiny committees as part of the 2022-23 Draft Budget package, which includes information about how impact considerations have informed budget allocations within each Main Expenditure Group (MEG).

The Draft Budget documents 2022-23 are on our website here:

[Draft Budget 2022 to 2023 | GOV.WALES](#)

The page includes links to the Chief Economist's Report, and to the Narrative document, which includes the SIIA at annex D.

### **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](mailto: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