

12 August 2022

Dear

Access to Information (ATI) Serial Number: **16484** - Beaufort Research Costs

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 July 2022. You asked for details about the cost of recent research undertaken by Beaufort Research regarding reform of the school year.

### **Our response**

In line with the Welsh Government procurement procedures the work was commissioned through the Marketing and Communications - research and evaluation contract framework, the total cost of procuring this research was £79,465.00 (excluding VAT).

The Welsh Government commissioned Beaufort Research, in partnership with Cazbah, to carry out a research and engagement exercise into attitudes around the structure of school year in Wales.

A broad range of audiences were engaged in the process covering learners, the education workforce, parents/ carers, businesses, stakeholders, and the general public. Online quantitative surveys, online engagement events, online focus groups and in-depth interviews were used to obtain opinions on the topic. In total, 13,016 individuals took part across these different methods. Fieldwork was conducted from December 2021 to March 2022 and a final report was published on 30 June 2022.

### **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)

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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,