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Dear

## **ATISN 16761 - Freedom of Information request - FDI**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 October. You asked for:

1. How does the Welsh Government apply for Foreign Direct Investment?
2. How is this funding allocated?

### **Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is investment made by companies and corporates across the private sector that can result in a number of outputs, including new facilities / offices being established, an expansion of existing operations, acquisitions, joint ventures or even investment into projects or activities in a given location.

Given this, the Welsh Government does not apply for FDI, but promotes the strengths and capabilities in Wales to attract it, as set out in the Welsh Government's International Strategy:

<https://gov.wales/a-new-international-strategy-for-wales>

In addition, a useful portal which highlights these strengths across Wales is the Welsh Government's Trade and Invest (T&I) website:

<https://tradeandinvest.wales/>

### **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