

21 November 2022

Dear

ATISN 16797 Welsh State Developer

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 October 2022. You asked for the following information in reference to the announced Welsh state developer.

How much the creation of the developer is anticipated to cost.

How many permanent jobs the Welsh Government anticipates the developer would create.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

Cost of the creation of the developer

Over the next year we have allocated a budget of £814,000 for costs associated with setting up the company. We currently anticipate the company, once established, will cost in the region of £1.8 million a year to run, disregarding inflation. These figures may change as they have been benchmarked against other similar organisations and will now be market tested as we start to establish the company.

Number of permanent jobs

The company will have up to a maximum of twelve staff members when established, which we consider to be new jobs. This may increase if the developer is asked to take a wider role.

We expect some costs incurred in developing projects will be spent with existing businesses, supporting existing jobs rather than creating new ones. We will let contracts with a focus on delivering local and long-term value, including the opportunity for training and apprenticeships so will be seeking to maximise the number of jobs in Wales that we can support through this activity.

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.

Yours sincerely