

13 January 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 17039 windfarm switch-off payments**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 January 2023. You asked for information to the questions:

1. Does the Welsh Government think it appropriate and sensible in a recession for UK tax-payers to pay £227 million to UK-based windfarms to not generate electricity in 2022?
2. Of the £227 million mentioned above, what proportion is paid to companies with onshore windfarms located in Wales?
3. Of the £227 million, what proportion is paid to companies with offshore windfarms located off the Welsh coast?
4. Of the £227 million, what proportion is paid to the Danish company, Vestas, for their windfarms located in Wales?

### **Our response**

1. Does the Welsh Government think it appropriate and sensible in a recession for UK tax-payers to pay £227 million to UK-based windfarms to not generate electricity in 2022?

The request is for an opinion related to a press-release attached to your request; it is not a request for recorded information. The Freedom of Information Act covers recorded information held by a public authority. It does not require the authority to create new information to answer a request, where the information has not been recorded.

2. Of the £227 million mentioned above, what proportion is paid to companies with onshore windfarms located in Wales?

The Welsh Government does not hold this information, as it does not have jurisdiction on this matter.

3. Of the £227 million, what proportion is paid to companies with offshore windfarms located off the Welsh coast?

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### **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