

29 November 2023

Dear

ATISN 19125

Thank you for your request which was received on 5 October 2023. You asked for information, for which responses are provided at Annex 1.

For some of the information requested, I have reached the conclusion that it will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

You have requested information relating to total purchased electricity and natural gas costs. Energy accounts for Welsh Government Transport Group are managed in a number of places with different organisations who manage the accounts.

To respond to your request would require locating, retrieving and extracting data from multiple energy accounts and organisations. It is estimated that this would take over a week to locate and extract invoices. With an estimate of 2 minutes to check each invoice (before even locating relevant invoices for each account) based on 1000 invoices would take 33 hours.

Because this exceeds the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, I have decided not to process that part of your request.

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 e-mail: 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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

Overall cost of gas and electricity to the Welsh Government for the last 2 financial years.

<i>Period Required</i>	<i>Year to end 31-March-23</i>	<i>Year to end 31-March-22</i>
Total purchased electricity kwh's	32,569,408	7,405,164
Total purchased electricity Cost incl vat	£1,535,685.98	£1,277,176.39
Est £ value of benefit received from the EBRS	n/a*	n/a*
Total purchased natural gas kwh's	7,390,003	7,958,575
Total purchased natural gas Cost incl vat	£350,311	£226,528
Est £ value of benefit received from the EBRS	n/a*	n/a*

*EBRS is a business rebate scheme and it is not applicable to Welsh Government