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Dear

Request for information - ATISN 20432

I wrote to you on 15 April regarding your request for information.

Your Request

You asked for the following information regarding the A55 Conwy Tunnel Construction:

According to the Welsh Government's History of the Conwy Tunnel Page (<https://traffic.wales/history-conwy-tunnel>) the A55 Conwy road tunnel was constructed for a cost of £102 million.

During the construction phase (between 1988-91), several million tons of earth, silt and sand dredged from the bed of the Conwy estuary were transported and dumped on the salt marsh to the south of the Conwy Bridge. A bunded area was created by the building of a 1-km sea wall of rock armour topped with a clay core bund creating the land on which the RSPB Conwy reserve now sits. I believe the creation of the site was done by Costain-Tarmac under contract to the Welsh Office.

- Please can you tell me what proportion of this £102 million budget was used for this specific purpose (ie. transport of the waste material to its new location as well as path creation and landscaping costs on the site prior to the RSPB leasing the land in 1994). A rough approximation is fine.

Our Response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested. The tunnel was built between September 1986 and October 1991, and therefore pre-dates our current filing system.

You may wish to contact The National Archives to see if they hold the information you are seeking:

[Make a records and research enquiry - Contact us \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk)

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: Freedomofinformation@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