

10 December 2024

Dear

ATISN 22115

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 November 2024. You asked for the following information:

For financial years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024:

- a) The total annual cost of the Senedd.*
- b) The total annual cost of Welsh Government administration.*
- c) Please provide the total annual cost of each of the organisations listed under <https://www.gov.wales/organisations>. I would appreciate it if this could be provided in a spreadsheet format. I would also like to request the 2024/24 budget allocation figure for: d) The Senedd. e) The administration of the Welsh Government. f) Each organisation listed under <https://www.gov.wales/organisations>. I would appreciate it if this could be provided in a spreadsheet format.*

Our response

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 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.

The information you have requested is at a level which is below our standard financial reporting flows for budgetary and activity reporting. While some bodies listed will be in receipt of grant funding or contractual amounts due for services from Welsh Government, others are 'hosted' bodies where the costs are part of the general Welsh Government operating costs – many advisory bodies would fall into that category. In order to respond it would require Welsh Government to identify which organisations contained on the list were Welsh Government hosted or not and once determined, as any information in scope of your request is not held centrally, an exercise to locate, extract and retrieve information from across Welsh Government would be required – this would involve contacting all Heads of Finance for the Welsh Government Groups to determine the funding flows.

I anticipate it may take longer but just an initial estimate of Heads of Finance taking at least 6 minutes to locate, extract and retrieve all information for each of the 267 organisations would take in excess of 24 hrs ($6 \times 267 / 60 = 26.7$ hours).

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain – for example all spend with the bodies (grant and procured services) or 'funding' in terms of grants where bodies are not hosted by Welsh Government – we would then be able to undertake an exercise to see if we are able to locate, extract and retrieve payments that have been made (please note however that not all bodies listed will be funded or hosted by Welsh Government). Any reformulated question will be treated as a new request for information.

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