

3 June 2025

Dear

ATISN 24754

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 25 May 2025. You asked for:

The hourly fee earner rates charged by in-house Welsh Government lawyers representing a Welsh Government department in civil litigation proceedings (the hourly rates Welsh Government Grade A, B, C and D lawyers would charge out to the client department).

Our response

Where the Welsh Government's Legal Services Department recovers its own employed lawyers' costs in civil litigation, it does so at the current Senior Courts Costs Office's (SCCO) guideline rates ([Solicitors' guideline hourly rates - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/solicitors-guideline-hourly-rates)). In accordance with the SCCO guideline, the applicable hourly rates are subject to the location, and experience of the relevant lawyer.

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 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

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