

26 June 2025

Dear

**ATISN 24831**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 June 2025. Further to the response issued to you under ATISN 24444, you asked for the following information:

*Any and all departmental media subscriptions both print and digital.*

*To things such as newspapers, magazines, publications and streaming services.*

*For the previous year.*

**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 is not held centrally and therefore to locate, extract and retrieve anything that is held would require a search by each area of Welsh Government to establish what departmental media subscriptions are in place and to then locate, extract and retrieve that which is held (electronic or hard copy). It may also be the case that details on the subscription or account is not defined as such on our finance system which is set up by vendor – therefore a company or organisation as opposed to a title of a subscription or account. The exercise to locate, extract and retrieve would therefore need to involve a detailed review of information to match any payments to a subscription or account.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain (e.g. naming a subscription to a particular media outlet, publication or streaming service) including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request, please be as specific and focused as possible.

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](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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://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