

Dear

ATISN 24774 - Nation Cymru

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 3 June 2025. You asked for:

- Funding provided to Nation Cymru from the Welsh Government per financial year between 2017-2025
- Funding provided to Books Council of Wales from the Welsh Government per financial year between 2017-2025
- Funding provided to Nation Cymru from the Books Council of Wales per financial year between 2017-2025
- The requirements surrounding political neutrality of the organisations in receipt of this funding
- Any terms and conditions that state the body or organisation in receipt of funding from the Welsh Government or the Books Council of Wales must only use the money for politically neutral purposes
- Whether an opinion piece published by Nation Cymru on 8 April contravened any terms and conditions on political neutrality attached to either the grant funding Nation Cymru receives directly from Welsh Government or via Books Council of Wales

Our response

The information you requested has been set out in turn below:

- **Funding provided to Nation Cymru from the Welsh Government per financial year between 2017-2025**

The Welsh Government has not provided any funding to Nation Cymru, therefore does not hold this information.

- **Funding provided to Books Council of Wales from the Welsh Government per financial year between 2017-2025**

The Books Council of Wales publish their annual reports and financial statements, which includes funding provided by the Welsh Government. This information can be found on their website [here](#).

- **Funding provided to Nation Cymru from the Books Council of Wales per financial year between 2017-2025**

The Welsh Government does not hold this information. It can however be found in the Books Council of Wales' published annual financial statements as stated above.

- **The requirements surrounding political neutrality of the organisations in receipt of this funding**

- **Any terms and conditions that state the body or organisation in receipt of funding from the Welsh Government or the Books Council of Wales must only use the money for politically neutral purposes**

These requests have been grouped together for a response. In the grant offer letter from the Welsh Government to the Books Council of Wales, a condition on the use of the funding included within the letter states:

“(d) You must not use any part of the Funding for any kind of activity which in our opinion could bring us into disrepute, including but not limited to (1) party political purposes, (2) the promotion of particular secular, religious or political views; (3) gambling, (4) pornography, (5) offering sexual services, or (6) any kind of illegal activities.”

These are standard Welsh Government conditions included in all grant offer letters.

The Books Council of Wales will issue terms and conditions in their funding arrangements therefore the Welsh Government does not hold this information.

- **Whether an opinion piece published by Nation Cymru on 8 April contravened any terms and conditions on political neutrality attached to either the grant funding Nation Cymru receives directly from Welsh Government or via Books Council of Wales**

The Welsh Government has not provided funding directly to Nation Cymru therefore does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the Books Council of Wales to discuss the terms of any funding provided by them.

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: 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.

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

Yours sincerely