

29 September 2025

Dear

ATISN 25123

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 September. You asked the following and responses are provided below each question:

- Does Welsh Government have a policy or target regarding procuring or sourcing either locally produced food or food produced in Wales for any and all WG events whether they are internal meetings or external facing events or for any catering outlets?

The Welsh Government does not have a formal policy regarding procuring or sourcing either locally produced food or food produced in Wales for any and all Welsh Government events, whether they are internal meetings or external facing events or for any catering outlets.

Where catering services are provided via the Welsh Government's Catering Services Contract (including for meetings and events or via the catering outlets), the appointed supplier is contractually obliged to maximise opportunities to use, actively promote and support local, ethical and sustainable supply chains in line with the contract specification.

The current Catering Services Contract came into effect on 19 July 2025, and the appointed supplier is required to provide expenditure data on the following basis:

- **Category A:** Products with a direct or indirect benefit to the Welsh economy – e.g. product / service of local origin; locally produced / manufactured; supplied via a local supplier etc.
- **Category B:** All products / services / suppliers not covered by Category A.

A contractual target of 85% for Category A expenditure (as a percentage of total contract spend) has been agreed for the current contract term. This will be monitored via formal contract management arrangements.

Where catering services are provided outside of the scope of the Welsh Government's Catering Services Contract (e.g. at venues external to Welsh Government offices etc.), no such target applies.

- If there is a policy or target, which WG Departments have met the target and which ones haven't (for the most recent period for which data is available please).

The target applicable to the Welsh Government's Catering Services Contract applies at a contract level only. Due to the recent award of the contract and the on-going mobilisation of the new services, monitoring data will not be available until December 2025.

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

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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