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Dear

ATISN 25166 - Learner Travel Measure

In your email to the Welsh Government on 18 September 2025 you asked:

1. Could you please provide details regarding the methodologies employed in the investigations, specifically focusing on how they were designed to optimize outcomes for post-16 educational travel?
2. Were children or adults included in the findings?
3. Could you please specify when this investigation took place?
4. What specific data was gathered?

We wrote to you on 25 September explaining that your request for information was not clear enough for us to find the information you were looking for. We asked for confirmation of the 'investigations' you were referring to in your request.

We also explained that we would not be able to process your request without further clarification. As we have not heard anything further from yourself, unfortunately on this occasion we are unable to process your request and in line with the FOI Act, we will therefore have to 'refuse your request' for these questions.

You also asked:

5. Considering the diverse terrain in Wales, why has the Welsh Government adopted an English model for transportation to educational institutions?

The Welsh Government does not hold specific information to answer this question. We hope that the following provides some useful context. The Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 sets out the legal framework specifically related to travel and transport provisions for learners travelling from home to school in Wales and enables Welsh Ministers to make regulations in relation to learner travel in Wales.

The Measure sets out the duties on local authorities, Welsh Government and head teachers to provide safe transport for learners, children and young people to get to their place of learning. Local authorities must make transport arrangements based on age, distance, aptitude and safety criteria for learners of statutory school age. In addition, local authorities have the power to make additional transport arrangements otherwise known as discretionary transport arrangements.

Yours sincerely