

28 October 2025

Dear

ATISN 26202

Information requested

Thank you for your request dated 30 September. You asked:

1. Since the Welsh Government had devolved powers in relation to the defence industry, what information was circulated directly to residents in Aberporth before the expansion of the defence industry in that locality?
2. What information was made available to the media with a view to informing the public about developments either at the Ministry of Defence site or West Wales Airport?
3. What public funds were made available to enable the expansion at the airport to take place?

Our response

For questions 1&2 I can confirm that defence industry powers are not devolved and would be a matter for the UK Government/Ministry of Defence. Any information to residents, Ceredigion Council (as the planning authority) would have dealt with the process including objections. Information relating to the media would be for the airport and/or MOD.

No funds have been provided by the Welsh Government to enable the expansion of the airport.

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

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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