



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 26244

6 November 2025

Dear ,

Request for Information - ATISN 26244

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 17 September.

Your request

You have asked for the following information regarding Welsh Government support to the defence sector in Wales.

1. The cost of Welsh Government attendance / representation at: a) DSEI UK (2025), b) DSEI UK (2023), c) DSEI UK (2021).
2. A breakdown of Welsh Government costs at DSEI UK (2025, 2023, 2021), DSEI Japan (2025) and the Paris Airshow (2025).
3. A list of all defence / aerospace conferences that the Welsh Government has attended since 2020 (excluding DSEI UK (2025, 2023, 2021), DSEI Japan (2025) and the Paris Airshow (2025)).
4. The amount of direct Welsh Government financial support given to the following companies since 2020: BAE Systems, RTX / Raytheon, General Dynamics, Rolls-Royce, Irvin GQ, Airbus, Tekever, Safran, Triumph, Thale Group, GE Aerospace, ExCent.
5. The names of the ten companies (of any kind) which have received the most direct financial support from Welsh Government since 2020.

Our Response

For question 1, the cost of Welsh Government attendance is:

Event	Cost
DSEI 2021	£114,795.01
DSEI 2023	£60,916.92
DSEI 2025	£67,751.99

For question 2, the breakdown of costs are:

Event	Stand Space	Stand Build	Company travel support	Staff	Total
DSEI 2021	£110,000	N/A	N/A	£4,795.01	£114,795.01
DSEI 2023	£33,360	£24,000.00	N/A	£3,556.92	£60,916.92
DSEI 2025	£72,258	£23,582.00	N/A	£5,991.99	£101,831.99
DSEI Japan	£10,392	N/A	N/A	£9,005.00	£19,397.00
Paris Airshow 2025	£66,682	£65,711.06	£15,914.65	£14,000.40	£162,308.11

For question 3, in addition to the shows listed in the question, the other aerospace and defence shows that the Welsh Government has attended since 2020 are:

- Farnborough International Airshow in 2024 and 2022.
- MRO Europe 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025
- MRO USA 2022, 2023 and 2024
- ADS Toulouse 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025

For questions 4 and 5, as your request currently stands, I believe it will be very time consuming to deal with. Your request is very extensive and searching for this information on our electronic filing system, namely ishare, will likely exceed the appropriate limit, meaning the time it will take to locate, retrieve and extract the information requested will be substantial. If I estimate it will take more than 24 working hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it, the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allow me to refuse to deal with it. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600, representative of the estimated cost if taking over 24 working hours of time.

An initial ishare search for Thales, Airbus, Safran and General dynamics yielded 256865 items. To search for all of the information you have asked for will exceed the appropriate limit. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, 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.

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: Freedomofinformation@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.

Personal Information

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
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Yours sincerely