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Dear

**ATISN 27378: Wales – Lesotho International Agreement**

Thank you for your request for information, which I received on 20 August. In your email you asked for the following information:

1. *Confirmation that this list includes all active international agreements the Welsh Government has with other countries: [Cross-cutting bilateral agreements | GOV.WALES](#)*
2. *The text of the agreement/memorandum of understanding with Lesotho?*
3. *Any impact assessments, and any ongoing evaluations, of the costs and value of this agreement with Lesotho.*
4. *Original costs of negotiating this agreement, and separately the costs of maintaining this agreement with Lesotho.*
5. *The number of staff/civil servants that were required to negotiate this agreement, and how many are needed to maintain/implement the agreement with Lesotho.*

**Response**

**Question 1 - Confirmation that this list includes all active international agreements the Welsh Government has with other countries.**

The list of agreements shown on the [Cross-cutting bilateral agreements](#) web page list all of the active bi-lateral agreements that are cross-cutting (i.e. covering multiple policy areas), and are usually signed at ministerial level. There are other agreements signed at sector-specific level across the Welsh Government. There is no central record of these, and they are held by the separate Departments.

**Question 2 - The text of the agreement/memorandum of understanding with Lesotho?**

I have enclosed the text of the MOU as a separate document.

**Question 3 - Any impact assessments, and any ongoing evaluations, of the costs and value of this agreement with Lesotho.**

The Welsh Government does not hold this information.

**Question 4 - Original costs of negotiating this agreement, and separately the costs of maintaining this agreement with Lesotho.**

The Welsh Government does not hold this information.

**Question 5 - The number of staff/civil servants that were required to negotiate this agreement, and how many are needed to maintain/implement the agreement with Lesotho.**

| <b>Process</b>           | <b>Number of staff/civil servants</b>                                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Negotiation              | 2                                                                        |
| Maintain/ implementation | 2, but this takes up a very small proportion of their overall job roles. |

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

Yours sincerely