

20 October 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27558

Further to your request for information of 23 September where you asked for information about deer carcasses on the Welsh Government's Strategic Road Network.

You wanted information on:

1. the number of deer carcasses removed from the Welsh Government's Strategic Road Network,
2. the number of recorded incidents of vehicles hitting a deer by month and road
3. the number of road closures caused by collisions with animals – I have taken this to mean all animals not just deer – and
4. the length of time the road was closed for.
5. You have also asked for the 20 locations where the most collisions with deer or removals have taken place and
6. the amount spent on safety measures to reduce deer collisions for the last three financial years.

Apart from the FY information you want to be provided with information between 1st January 2023 and 31st August 2026 (or up to the latest month available).

Our response

The Welsh Government holds the information you have requested.

- 1) We removed 117 deer carcasses from the Welsh Government's Strategic Road Network
- 2) Deer mortalities by route and month - Spreadsheet A attached.
- 3) 30 incidents recorded of road closure due to hitting an animal.
- 4) Any disruption was less than 15 minutes and the "closure" was mostly by a rolling roadblock.
- 5) Deer mortalities top 20 locations - Spreadsheet B attached.
- 6) Spend specifically on the wild deer incursion project for the previous 3 Financial Years is £86157.44 (2023/2024 £31499.98, 2024/2025 £2756.28 and 2025/2026 £51901.18)

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.

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above. You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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