19 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0089

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 23rd October 2026. You asked for:

Information about the size/resource of the Bus Franchising/Bus Regulation Team within the Welsh Government/Transport for Wales, to include the number of staff working on Bus Services Policy/Legislation/Regulations/Guidance related to Bus Franchising/Bus Regulation in Wales, and supporting the individual regions in Wales to develop and implement bus franchising frameworks. Please also include details of funding committed by the Welsh Government to implement bus franchising between the passing of the 2026 Act and its full delivery in 2030.

Our response

At present, there are thirteen Welsh Government staff spending some or all their time on bus reform. This includes policy officials and lawyers but does not include those who contribute sporadically or as required, including translators and communications officials. The figures reflect staff contributing to the programme rather than the number of people dedicated as full-time resources.

Capital funding for the 25/26 financial year was £30m, with the current financial year (26/27) at £49m. Revenue funding for implementing the Act in the current financial year is £50,000. I am unable to provide figures for future years, as budgets have not yet been allocated.

As noted in the acknowledgement letter sent to you on 26th October, the information you have requested on the number of staff in Transport for Wales working on bus reform is not held by the Welsh Government. You have asked me to forward your request to Transport for Wales, and I have done so; you will receive a response from them in due course.

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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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.

Yours sincerely