



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Our ref: ATISN 14163
Date: 12 August 2020

Dear ,

ATISN 14163

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 July 2020. You asked for information as set out at Annex 1.

I can confirm that the £12.5 million was a Barnett consequential as a result of new funds being provided by the UK Government to the Department for Education in England. The £12.5 million was made up as follows:

- £1m for Sector Based Work Academies;
- £6.5m for traineeships;
- £4m for the 18-19 Classroom offer; and
- £1m for the National Careers Service

As with all consequentials received as a result of new public spending in England, it is for the Welsh Government to decide how any additional funding is allocated in Wales in line with its priorities.

I can also confirm that the £59 million Wales received as a result of the UK Government's announcement on 6 July of a £1.57bn package for cultural, arts and heritage institutions does not form part of the above allocation.

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Welsh Government

Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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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

Annex 1

Allocation of £59m for culture

On Thursday 9th July the Finance Minister tweeted that WG had 'crunched the numbers' and the net benefit to Wales from the various announcements from Westminster was only £12.5, to be spent across the whole economy.

I ask the Finance Minister to share the calculations which came to this figure.

I specifically I'm looking for confirmation that the £59m announced by Westminster on 6th July for Wales for culture (our consequential part of the £1.5bn) is NOT included in those calculations.