



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Email:

Our ref: ATISN **15667**
Date: 24 November 2021

Dear

ATISN 15667 - Freedom of Information request – Stonewall funding

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 9 November. You asked:

What funding has been provided to Stonewall or any subsidiary of Stonewall by the Welsh Government for each year between 2015 and 2021. You asked whether that had been in the form of direct grants for unlimited purposes, direct grants for limited purposes (in that event, stating the purpose) or payment for goods or services (specifying the relevant goods and services).

You asked where the funding above has been by way of payment for goods or services, that we specify what analysis has been conducted to ascertain whether these goods or services meet contractual and/or legal requirements, what contractual or other recourse exists to reclaim in respect of goods or services that are defective, substandard or delivered in contravention of the law, and what steps are being taken to seek recourse for any such contractual or legal shortfalls.

You also asked, In respect of the payments referred to above, what criteria were applied in deciding to make payments by way of direct grants, what tendering process was conducted with regard to provision of goods or services, and what alternative suppliers of goods or services were considered.

Our response

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

This request as it stands would require a substantial amount of work to be carried out (in excess of 24 hours). Payments to organisation can be made in a number of

ways by Welsh Government, and this request goes back to 2015. This request will therefore involve many individuals from across Welsh Government departments reviewing historical records including approval to fund documentation; documentation showing agreement on how the funding will be distributed; grant applications; tendering processes; monitoring and evaluation documentation etc. for each instance of confirmed funding to Stonewall, or a subsidiary, from 2015 to 2021, in order to provide information to answer questions 2(a-c), 3 (a-c) and 4(a-c) of your request.

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.

To help you to narrow down your request I have provided links to previous Freedom of Information responses with regard to Stonewall funding in case they hold information you might find helpful. The links are enclosed at **Annex A** below.

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 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

Annex A

I would like to offer you links to previous Freedom of Information responses with regard to Stonewall funding in case they hold information you might find helpful in the absence of the full information requested.

- [release 15518: Stonewall](#)

19 October 2021 FOI release

Information of dates of submissions made to, and feedback received from, the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index in the three most recent years.

- [FOI release 15216: Funding for Stonewall](#)

21 June 2021 FOI release

Information on funding given to Stonewall.

- [FOI release: Funding for Stonewall](#)

29 September 2020 FOI release

The amount of funding provided to Stonewall in 2018 to 2020.

- [FOI release: Stonewall Cymru](#)

19 August 2020 FOI release

Information on a meeting with, and funding provided to, Stonewall Cymru.

- [FOI release 14702: Stonewall Diversity Champions](#)

27 January 2021 FOI release

Information on membership of Stonewall Diversity Champions scheme.

- [FOI release 14848: Stonewall Diversity Champions](#)

9 March 2021 FOI release

Information regarding all correspondence received from Stonewall between 2019 or 2020.

- [FOI release 14841: Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index](#)

9 March 2021 FOI release

Information regarding all correspondence received from Stonewall between 2019 or 2020.

- [FOI release 14538: Stonewall Cymru Diversity Champions Programme](#)

16 December 2020 FOI release

Information on the membership of Stonewall Cymru Diversity Champions Programme.

- [FOI release: Gender Identity Service in Wales](#)

22 October 2020 FOI release

Copies of advice provided by Stonewall in relation to the Gender Identity Service in Wales.

- [Written Statement: Statement of support for Wales' Trans Communities \(9 July 2020\)](#)

9 July 2020 Cabinet statement

Jeremy Miles MS, Counsel General and Minister for European Transition and Jane Hutt MS, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

- [Written Statement - Healthy Relationships Expert Panel \(1 March 2017\)](#)

1 March 2017 Cabinet statement

Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education

- [The Welsh Government announces new support package for Pride as part of ambitious plans to make Wales the most LGBTQ+ friendly nation Europe](#)

28 June 2021 Press release

As Pride Month draws to a close, Deputy Minister for Social Partnership Hannah Blythyn, highlighted the Welsh Government's record in advancing LGBTQ+ rights in Wales and outlined a package of measures to help make Wales the most LGBTQ+ friendly nation in Europe.

- [FOI release 14281: Diversity champions](#)

3 December 2020 FOI release

Copies of the submission to the Stonewall diversity champion index.

- [FOI release 14991: Workplace equality indexes](#)

14 April 2021 FOI release

Copies of the Welsh Government policies as referenced in various workplace equality indexes related to Stonewall.

- [Written Statement - Hate Crime Awareness Week \(12 March 2015\)](#)

12 March 2015 Cabinet statement

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

- [Written Statement - Tackling Hate Crimes and Incidents: A Framework for Action \(12 May 2014\)](#)

12 May 2014 Cabinet statement

Jeff Cuthbert, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

- [Support](#)

Sources of support

- [Written Statement - Appointment of Expert Group on Local Government Diversity \(10 July 2013\)](#)

10 July 2013 Cabinet statement

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Local Government and Government Business

- [Written Statement - The Equality and Inclusion Grant 2014-17 \(6 January 2014\)](#)

6 January 2014 Cabinet statement

Jeff Cuthbert, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

- [Education Strategic Stakeholder Group - Terms of reference](#)

A summary of the group's purpose

- [Kirsty Williams announces focus on healthy relationships in major reforms to 'Relationships and Sexuality' education](#)

22 May 2018 Press release

Education Secretary Kirsty Williams has announced major changes to Sex and Relationships Education in Wales (SRE) and its place in the curriculum.

- [Written Statement: Advice Services \(2 October 2019\)](#)

2 October 2019 Cabinet statement

Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

- [Written Statement - The Equality Act 2010 \(Statutory Duties\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2011 & The Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Relevant Welsh Authorities\) Order 2011 \(9 March 2011\)](#)

9 March 2011 Cabinet statement

Carl Sargeant, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

- [Welsh Government Apprentices](#)

As an apprentice you will earn while you train. It's a great career choice whether you are leaving school or college, returning to work after starting a family or looking for a new career.

- [The national mission of education reform: everybody's business](#)

11 May 2017 Speech

Speech by the Cabinet Secretary for Education Kirsty Williams.