



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

Our ref: ATISN 15672
Date: 08 December 2021

Dear

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Thank you for your request which I received on 10 November 2021. You asked for the following information:

- how many staff are employed in the five Europe-based international offices of the Welsh Government (broken down by office); and
- the annual budget of the five Europe-based international offices of the Welsh Government (with a yearly and monthly breakdown of the figures).

I have set out at Annex 1, my response to each of your questions.

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

Q1. Can you confirm how many staff are employed in the five Europe-based international offices of the Welsh Government? (a breakdown by office would be most welcome.)

Office	Staff
Germany (2 offices)	3
Belgium	8
Ireland	2
France	2

Q2. Can you confirm the annual budget of the five Europe-based international offices of the Welsh Government? (a yearly and monthly breakdown of these figures would be most welcome.)

	2020-21
Office	Platform Charge (£)
Germany (2 offices)	9,614
Belgium*	215,326
Ireland	6,409
France	6,409

FCDO Platform Charge: the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) applies an annual recharge to Welsh Government to cover the running costs of our European offices. Collectively the platform charge covers estate costs, telephony/IT and corporate support functions.

*In addition to a larger number of staff in Belgium, the office costs appear higher as Welsh Government leases an office directly rather than occupying space in a UK Government Embassy building.

Due to the size of the offices, details of salary costs and personal expenses have not been provided as data protection legislation requires the protection of personal information.