

15 September 2022

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 16596

I wrote to you on 30 August regarding your request for information.

Information requested

Relating to the Major Sporting Events subsidy scheme 2022 to 2030 (MSESS):

1. A list of recipients of the MSESS?
2. What is the value of each subsidy being committed under the MSESS?
3. Will the assessment as to whether the subsidy is “proportionate and limited to what is necessary to achieve the policy objective”, be made at the time the MSESS subsidy is committed?
4. The assessment of “the material effects on competition and investment in the UK, and international trade and investment” will depend on the circumstances of the recipient and the time of the commitment of the subsidy. Therefore please confirm that this assessment will be made at the time the MSESS subsidy is committed.
5. Please provide the guidance for staff on 3 and 4.

Our response

1. There have been no recipients yet as the scheme has only recently been launched.
2. No subsidies have been awarded to date.
3. Yes.
4. All awards made under the MSESS scheme will be individually assessed to ensure that they fully comply with the parameters of the scheme.
5. Assessment of individual scheme awards in relation to questions 3 and 4 will be made using the UK Government's guidance on assessing subsidies for compliance with the UK's subsidy control commitments. A link to the UKG guidance page can be found here:

[Complying with the UK's international obligations on subsidy control: guidance for public authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complying-with-the-uk-s-international-obligations-on-subsidy-control)

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