



Our ref: ATISN 17523

Date: 24 May 2023

Dear ,

ATISN 17523 – Support for Somaliland and Somalia

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 May 2023. I have taken each of your questions in turn and can provide you with the following responses:

1. *The total amount of funding provided by the Welsh Government to the former British Somaliland protectorate, now self-named The Republic of Somaliland.*

The Welsh Government has not provided any funding to the Republic of Somaliland.

2. *The total amount of funding provided by the Welsh Government to The Federal Republic of Somalia in comparison to the funding provided to Somaliland.*

The Welsh Government has not provided any funding to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

3. *Whether the Welsh Government has established specific criteria for funding allocation and, if so, I would like to obtain a copy of the criteria.*

Based on the answers to Q1 and Q2 above, this question is not applicable.

4. *Whether the Welsh Government provides funding for specific purposes such as humanitarian aid or specific projects and, if so, please provide details on the types of projects or aid funded.*

Based on the information provided in Q1 and Q2 above, the Welsh Government has not provided any funding to the governments of Somalia or Somaliland for the purposes described.



5. *Whether the Welsh Government possesses information on the equitable distribution of funding geographically and across tribal lines, specifically in disputed border cities like Lascaanod in the Sool region.*

The Welsh Government does not hold this information.

6. *Whether the Welsh Government actively monitors the utilisation of the funding it provides.*

Based on the answer to Q4, this question is not applicable.

7. *The measures and safeguards implemented by the Welsh Government to ensure that the allocated funds are not utilised for military and/or police forces.*

Based on the answer to Q4, this question is not applicable.

8. *Whether the Welsh Government takes a different stance from the UK Government and recognises the former British colony.*

Foreign policy is not devolved to Wales and, therefore, the Welsh Government follows the UK Government's approach with regards to the recognition of Somaliland.

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Yours sincerely